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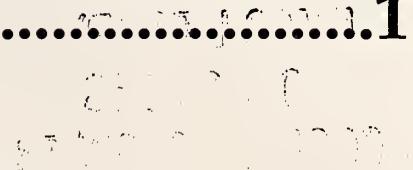
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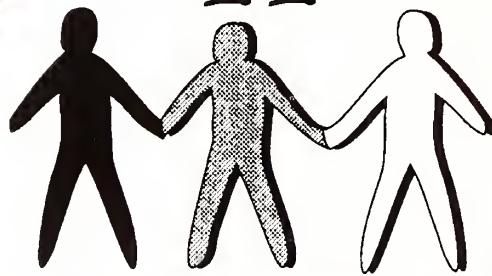
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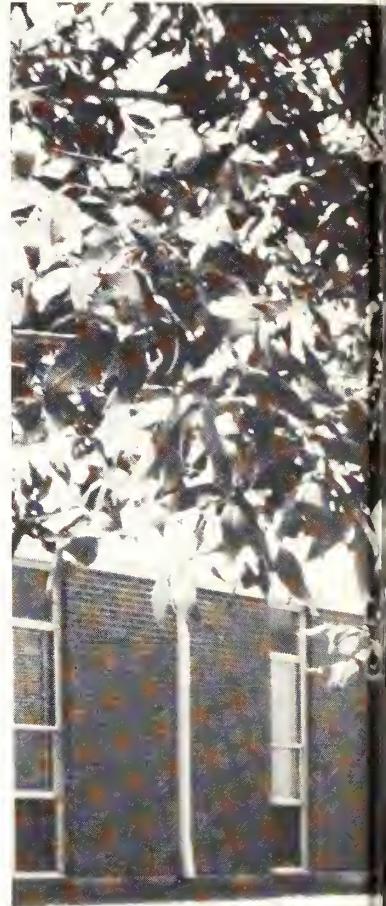
Noxbee Hall residents getting better acquainted while moving into the dorm.

Tantia Brooks is grabbing a quick break in between class at CAFB.



During their spare time, these girls like to sit and chat under the big oak tree in front of the girls dorm.

Drafting has been a challenge to these sophomores on the GT campus.





70 Years of Making it Happen



- EMCC has won the prestigious Halbrook Award for the highest percentage of graduating student athletes for 3 of the past 7 years.
- EMCC has increased enrollment 41.3% in the past 5 years.
- EMCC was the first Mississippi community college to have its own home page on the World Wide Web.
- EMCC was the first community college in Mississippi to receive an appropriation to build a Center for Manufacturing Technology Excellence. 1997 is the projected date for completion.
- In the last 4 years, EMCC has had the highest percent enrollment increase of all Mississippi community colleges.



Christian Fellowship students are campaigning around the Scooba campus trying to get more people involved in the "See You at the Pole" event.



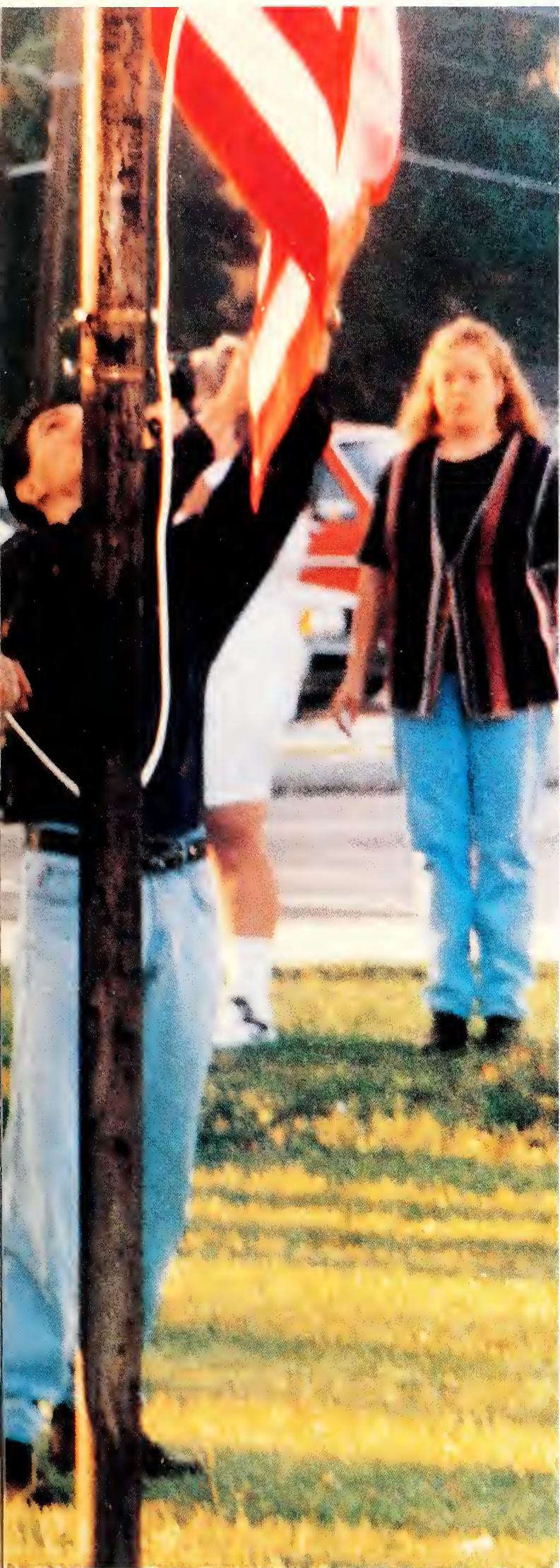
EMCC baseball players take a run! It takes a lot of hard work and preparation for a successful season and unified team.

Visions Become the Key to Making It Happen

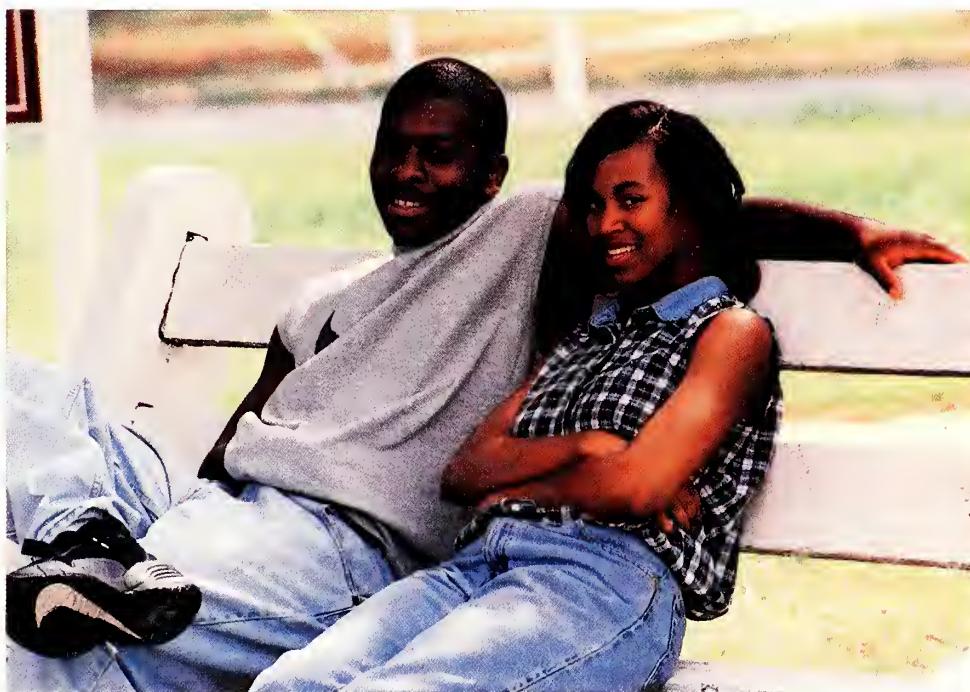
SCOOBA CAMPUS

- East Mississippi Community College was established in 1927 following its beginning in 1912 as Kemper County Agricultural High School. There have been many noteworthy people who have graduated from or taught for EMCC. However, the legend of Coach "Bull" Sullivan still lives today. Sports Illustrated once called him "the toughest coach there ever was."
- The stadium entrance to the football field was completed in October 1996 and recently dedicated in memory of Coach Bob "Bull" Sullivan and James C. Windham during the Homecoming festivities. This building was built from alumni contributions.
- The new administration building was completed in February 1996 and dedicated in honor of our president, Dr. Thomas L. Davis, Jr.
- There have been numerous renovations throughout EMCC's years. The most recent renovations were the music building, cafeteria, dorms, parking lots, and others. Two new dorms are on the horizon for the men and women.
- Students, faculty, staff, administration and alumni — nothing can be accomplished worthwhile without a vision. It is up to you to "Make it Happen." Leave behind a legend for years to come.





Stephanie Moore, Steve Sharp, and Andre Gray are making it happen in chemistry lab.



Nothing can ever replace the special friendships and memories that are made while attending Scooba Tech. These memories are a result of students "making things happen" during their college education.

AnTHONY Robbins and Matthew Pellerin raise the flag for the national "See You at the Pole" day. Over 200 students attended this event on the Scooba Campus.

Long hours of studying for our Trigonometry test are now being put to the test.



Lacey, Alan, and Allen are sitting at the picnic table discussing notes with a fellow student.





Tiffany Salnave, an Air Life Support worker, came to EMCC to fulfill a life long dream of attending college.

It all Happens at CAFB

- The Columbus Air Force Base extension of East Mississippi Community College was established in 1972.
- The CAFB extension has operated on a tri-semester basis since inception to the present.
- The CAFB extension has grown from offering 10 classes to over 60 classes each semester.
- 37% of the students enrollment is made up of military personnel.
- 10% of the Scooba campus graduation class consist of CAFB extension students.
- Fall 1996 enrollment at the CAFB extension has increased by 45.1% since Fall 1995.
- The CAFB extension is one of the many locations offering the GED program to the community.



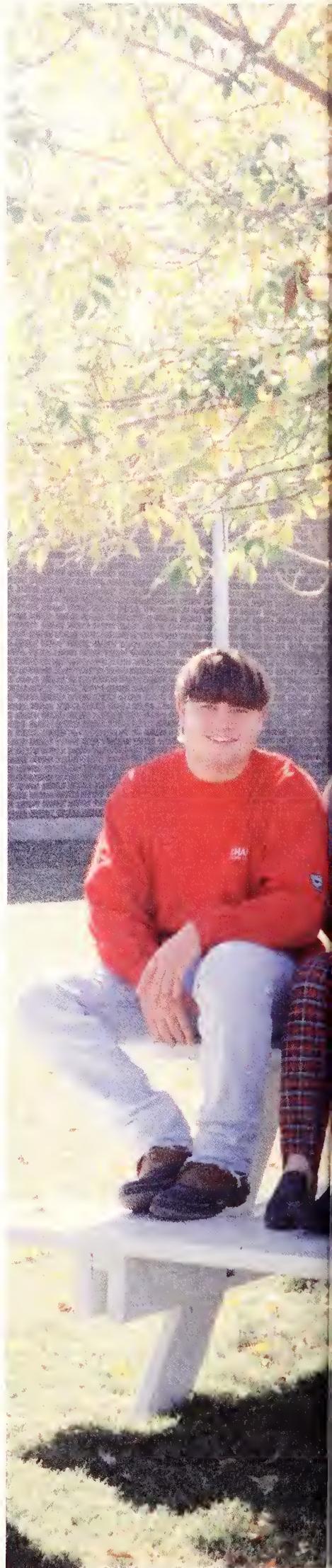
EMCC students taking a break out of their busy schedule to look over some notes before their next class meeting

Leader in the State Making it Happen **GOLDEN TRIANGLE CAMPUS**

- In 1971, EMCC became the first aviation training facility in the state. Since then, hundreds have been trained through this program. It is located at the Golden Triangle Regional Airport.
- The Golden Triangle Campus became the first Riverboat Deckhand Training Program in the United States that provided living facilities and hands-on-training for the students.
- In 1979, EMCC became the first community college in the state to conduct a major industry training project which was with Weyerhaeuser. The total project cost was in excess of \$700 million.
- Charm McInguale, an aviation maintenance student from Starkville, became the first woman in Mississippi to be licensed by the FAA as an aircraft mechanic with an airframe and powerplant rating.
- In July 1994, The GT Campus was linked with other community colleges, Mississippi

State University, and the University Medical Center through a television interactive network called the CCN (Community College Network).

- In the summer of 1994, the Skill Tech One Stop Center was built in conjunction with the Work Force Act. Today, thousands are trained at EMCC through the many services offered through this facility.
- In November 1984, the Golden Triangle Campus became the host of the first annual Water Christmas Parade in Mississippi which was held on the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway. "Christmas on the Tennessee Tombigbee" has become an annual event enjoyed by many who come from miles away.
- EMCC continues to strive for being a leader in the state in making things happen. Each year hundreds of students graduate from this institution with a world of opportunity awaiting them. It is up to the students to seize the moment and "Make It Happen".





Students are taking time out enjoying a great fall day at the Golden Triangle Campus. Although it is a commuter campus, GT students form lasting friendships.

You can always be assured to find friendly faces here at the Golden Triangle Campus, where everyone is welcome.

On their break between classes, many students enjoy sitting outside on the picnic table. This is a great way to relax and unwind.

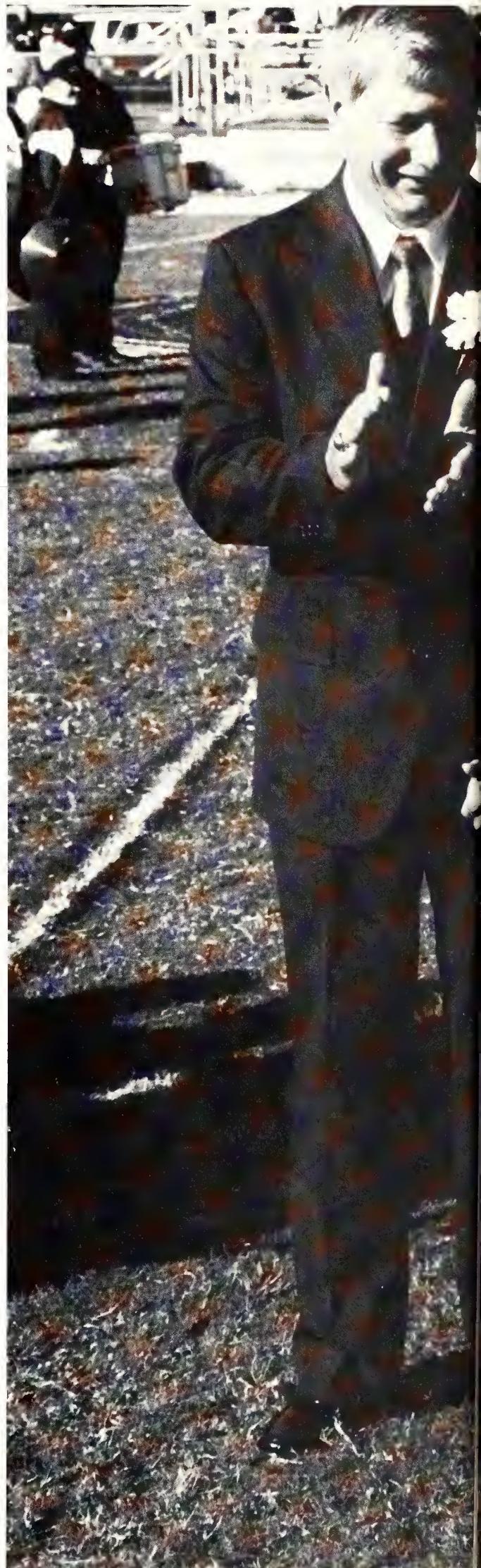
Look What's Happening Now



Student Life is the time for things to happen. It is the time we make our dreams become a reality. It is the time for competition in sports, homecoming, and pageants, as well as many other activities. It is the time for making new friends. It is the time to become involved and make our own special dreams happen.

Some students perform in the band or as cheerleaders. Other students compete for positions in the homecoming court while others participate in the beauty and beau review. Many students just simply strive to excel in their studies to focus on making things happen for their future.

Whether students are taking part in athletic competition, a social event, or working hard in the classroom, it is the student's choice to make things happen. Memories and friendships that last a lifetime begin in Student Life at East Mississippi Community College.





“What I like most about EMCC are the beautiful people and the friendly atmosphere.”

Murl Young
Scooba Campus



“The things that stand out most about EMCC are the friendly people, nice teachers, and the academic opportunities.”

Chad Ingram
Scooba Campus



“I truly enjoy the close relationships with other students and being able to learn from them.”

Renae Willis
GT Campus



Student Life Division

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Mr. & Miss EMCC

Scooba Tedrick D. Liddell Physical Education Noxubee, MS



Summer Michelle Stephens, a Elementary education major, is the daughter of Rodney Stephens and Sheila Stephens. While attending EMCC she has been a member of the cheerleading squad, softball team, and will participate in the Music Theater Workshop. She serves as Head Cheerleader this year. Her freshman year she was Freshman Favorite, a maid on the Homecoming Court, and this year selected Homecoming Queen. After graduation, Summer plans to attend Mississippi State University, where she will continue her education in Elementary Education.



Tedrick DeShawn Liddell, a Physical Education major from Noxubee, is the son of Walter Woods and Ethel Woods. While attending EMCC, Tedrick has been a member of the Supreme Grand Lodge of Caretakers Lodge #41. Tedrick is also a member of the football team here at EMCC. After graduation Tedrick plans to attend Alcorn State University, where he will continue his education as well as his career in football.

Summer Stephens Elementary Education Meridian, MS



Mr. & Miss EMCC

Golden Triangle Cameron Boyd Computer Technology West Point, MS

Aretina Hankerson, a Business Technology major from Starkville, is the daughter of Pearlie Hankerson and the late Theodore Hankerson. While attending EMCC, Aretina has been a member of the SGA, Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), PHi Theta Kappa, and the Yearbook staff. She served as Vice-President of PBL her freshman year and presently serves as the President of PBL. She has been on the Dean's list since attending EMCC. Her first year at EMCC she was Selected Freshman Favorite. After graduation Aretina plans to attend Mississippi State University, where she will continue her education in business.



Cameron Boyd, a Computer Technology major from West Point, is the son of Howard and Mary Boyd. While attending EMCC, Cameron has been a member of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL). He competed at the state PBL Leadership competition and placed fourth in Telecommunications. He also is one of the Chairpersons for the PBL Social Committee. He has been on the President's list since attending EMCC. In Cameron's past time he enjoys bowling, softball, having fun with friends, and making people laugh. After graduation Cameron plans to attend Mississippi State University, where he will continue his education in Computer Science.

Aretina Hankerson
Business Technology
Starkville, MS



Presenting the 96-97 EMCC Lion Pride Band under the direction of Mrs. Bobbie Gibson.

Susan Killen pays close attention as Mrs. Gibson tries to make it happen on the practice field.



Corrie Broadhead, Tonya Hudnall, Sherby Bozeman, and Susy Tullos discuss what is happening in band.





The Lion Band is going full speed ahead for the upcoming year to make things happen on the field.

Making a Whole New Sound

Lions Pride Band

The band programs at EMCC continue to be a positive influence on our campus as we grow in quality as well as in quantity. The Lions Pride Marching Band is creating a whole new sound at the home football games. We look forward to being the same asset to our basketball teams as the pep band promotes spirit and enthusiasm at the home basketball games. The jazz band will entertain audiences at various functions throughout the year. The Christmas spirit will envelop the entire campus when the EMCC concert band performs your favorite Christmas carols. The concert band is also a highlight of the Pine Grove Festival which occurs in the Spring. The Lions Pride Band welcomes students in our district to join in the fun and excitement

as we continue to be a part of campus life at EMCC. We welcome any opportunity to make music for the individuals in our community. Band students at EMCC are actively involved in different organizations on our campus and continue to develop their leadership skills. The band officers for the 96-97 season are as follows: Captain — Cal Robinson, 1st Lt. — Latoya Williams, 2nd Lt. — Jeff Forterberry, Sergeant — Chris Rutherford, Drum Captain — Jeremy Freeman. The Lion's Pride Marching Band is under the field leadership of Melissa Pearson. Mrs. Bobbie Gibson is the Director of the bands at EMCC. The student body as well as fans express their excitement and applauded the achievements and new sounds of the EMCC bands.

Making Memories at '96 Homecoming

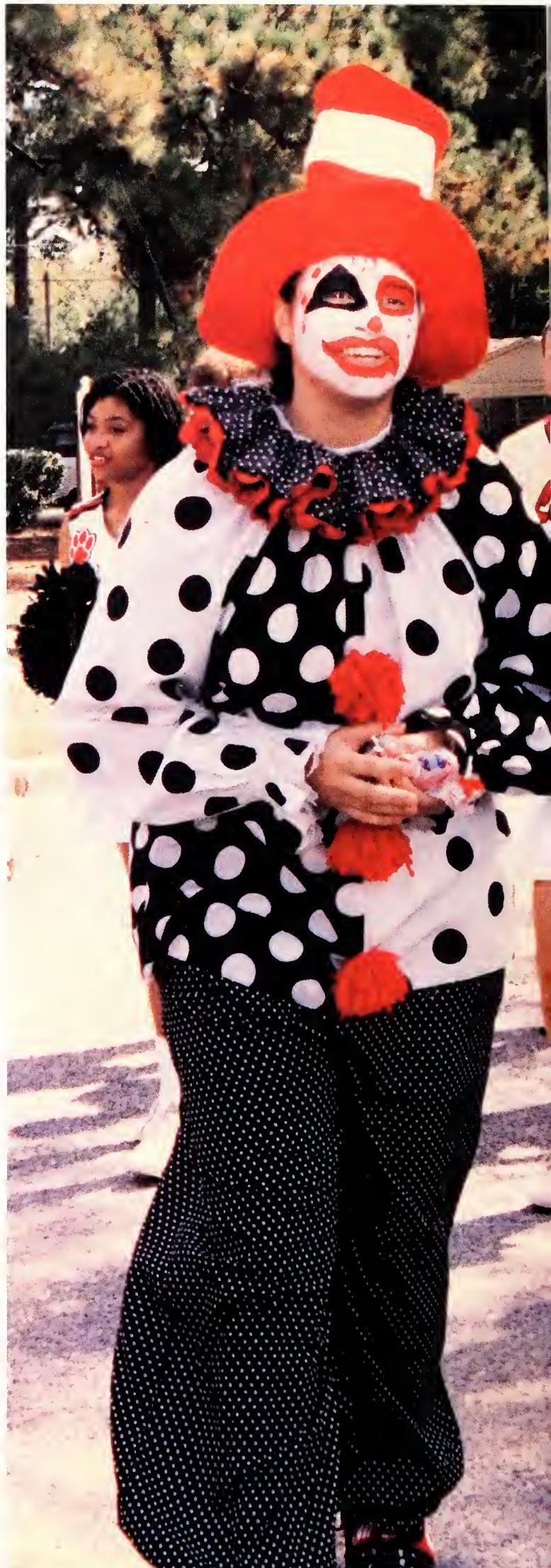
Ideal weather made a perfect setting for EMCC's Homecoming victory of 37 to 12 over Northeast Community College, enjoyed by a large crowd of spectators. The day, filled with anticipation and excitement, began with an Alumni coffee and meeting while on-campus organizations were busy getting signs in place for judging. EMCC Reflections provided a nostalgic touch as they entertained at the Alumni Banquet. Pre-game activities included a show by the EMCC Marching Band followed by the dedication of the entrance of the Sullivan-Windham field. Half-time activities provided recognition of the EMCC 1958 Baseball Champs, the Alumnus

of the Year, the Distinguished Service Award recipient, as well as the presentation of the Homecoming Court and the 1996 Homecoming Queen, Summer Stephens. An after-game coffee held at the home of President and Mrs. Tommy Davis concluded an exceptional Homecoming filled with memories of "The Best Years of Our Lives"!



President Tommy Davis and GT Campus CEO Dr. Rick Young crowned Summer Stephens Homecoming queen.

Festivities began with a Homecoming parade around the campus in which the students truly enjoyed.





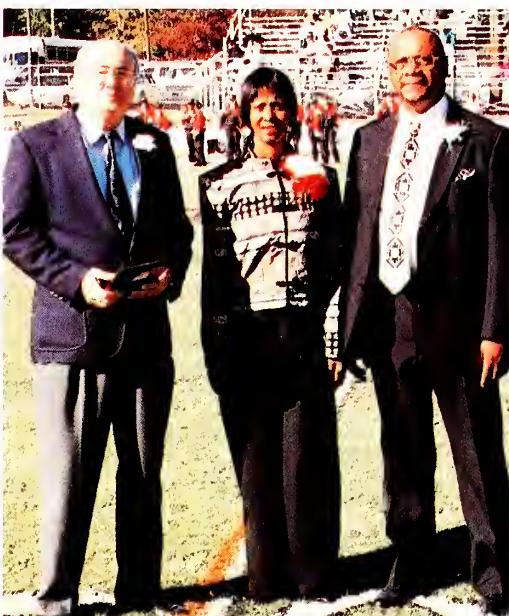
The newly constructed stadium entrance was officially dedicated during pre-game activities. L to R: Bobbie Sullivan, Royce Sullivan, Vic Sullivan, Mrs. Bob Sullivan and former All-American EMCC quarterback Bill Buckner.



Nick Clark, EMCC Alumni President, presented Terry Brown with the Alumnus of the Year award while Terry's wife, Andre, looks on.



The 1958 baseball team champions were honored Homecoming day. L to R: Jack Dudley, Gerald Poole, Raymond Christensen, Raymond Poole, Hal Hughes, Paul Alexander, and Frank Hair.



Dr. Virgil Warren presented the Distinguished Service award to James Granger while James' wife, Shirley, looks on.



1996-97 Homecoming court L to R: Jody Baker, Tiffany Duck, Shanna Breckinridge, Trena Silvers, Mary Scott, Summer Stephens, Aleshia Rush, Lovie Clark, Latonya Malone, Erica Williams, Marie McDade, and Nerma Crump.

"A Night to Remember"

Beauty and Beau Review

The Top Ten Finalists were: Beauties – Erica Williams, Leslie Files, Melissa Pearson, Mallory Parker, Mandy Hunt, Shanna Breckenridge, Wendy McElroy, Rolanda Dooley, Summer Stephens, Marie McDade, Beaus – Tommy Jarvis, Jason Henderson, Myron Naylor, Jeff Fortenberry, Russell Taylor, Jemario Washington, Brent Dubuc, Anthony Akins, Leslie West, and Jeff Murphy.

Leslie Files and Erica Williams share a few light moments together before the competition begins.



Murf peaks around the curtain to see who is next on stage. Awh, the fun and adventure of being young!



Tawana Davis, a marketing student from the GT Campus, was sponsored by the yearbook staff. She has truly "made it happen" while attending EMCC.



Our own EMCC Reflections were also featured entertainment. The audience truly enjoyed it!

Brandi Goldman, last year's Most Beautiful, returned to crown this year's winner.



Look at the line up, would you! I believe the guys were more tensed than the girls!



Shaunacy Carter and Sirena Spotts pose for the judges.

EMCC was very fortunate to have Miss Mississippi, Kari Litton as one of the featured entertainers.



"Dreams Become Memories"

Beauty and Beau Contestants Make Their Dreams Happen

The annual EMCC Beauty and Beau contest once again proved to be a moment to remember for our deserving contestants. The excitement of the night revolved around our "Winter Wonderland" theme with Tommy Cade introducing the contestants. We are fortunate to have as our special entertainment the reigning Miss Mississippi, Kari Litton and our own Reflections under the direction of Mrs. Brenda DiMichele.

Top 5 Beaus L to R: Myron Naylor, Russell Taylor, Brent Dubuc, Most Handsome; Jason Henderson and Tommy Jarvis





East Mississippi Community College's 1996-97 Most Handsome, Brent Dubuc and Most Beautiful, Marie McDade.

Top 5 Beauties L to R: Mallory Parker, Erica Williams, Marie McDade, Most Beautiful; Mandy Hunt, and Shanna Breckenridge.



Trina Chandler, a marketing student on the Gt Campus, eagerly waits for the competition to begin.

L to R: Irene Nichols, Pageant Coordinator; Miss Mississippi, Kari Litton; and Tommy Cade, Master of Ceremonies.

Making the Arts Happen at the Pine Grove Festival

The Pine Grove Festival showcases the Fine Arts Department. During the middle of the Spring semester the Fine Arts faculty participate in festival. EMCC was the first community college in Mississippi to develop a creative writers magazine, The Syzygy. Contributions are accepted from students and faculty. Betty Killebrew and Ethel Jarvis are the co-sponsors of the Syzygy. The Drama Department is under the direction of Ann Tindal. The EMCC Reflections and EMCC Choir is under the direction of Brenda DiMichele. The EMCC Concert Band performs at the festival under the direction of Bobbie Gibson. Art instructor Terry Cherry displays the art work of his students.



The EMCC Choir presents choral music as their part of the Pine Grove Festival. The choral director is Mrs. Brenda DiMichele.

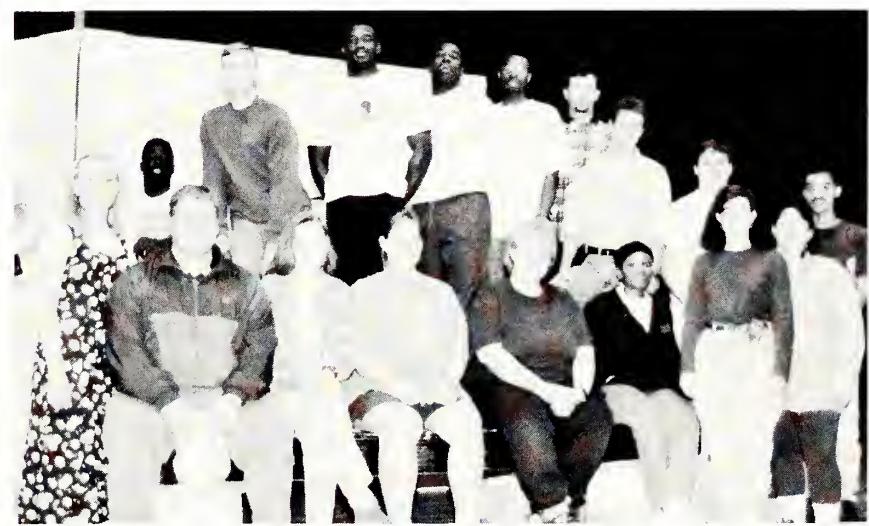
Mrs. Bobbie Gibson, Director of the EMCC Band presented their concert on the last night of the Pine Grove Festival.



Presenting Academic Dean Dr. Virgil Warren with this years Syzygy is James Stennis, Anthony Guin, Brandi Smith (editor), Matt Freeman, Sherby Bozeman, and Juana Harris.



1996 Pine Grove Festival Scooba Campus



John Deviney works hard to finish his art project to display during the festival.

The cast and crew of the play "Driving Miss Daisy" take time to pose during their hard working schedule.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION ...

Time to go crazy!

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!: The thrills and adventures of being a student always leads to fond memories. Even though the Golden Triangle Campus's students commute, they still have an INTERESTING student life.

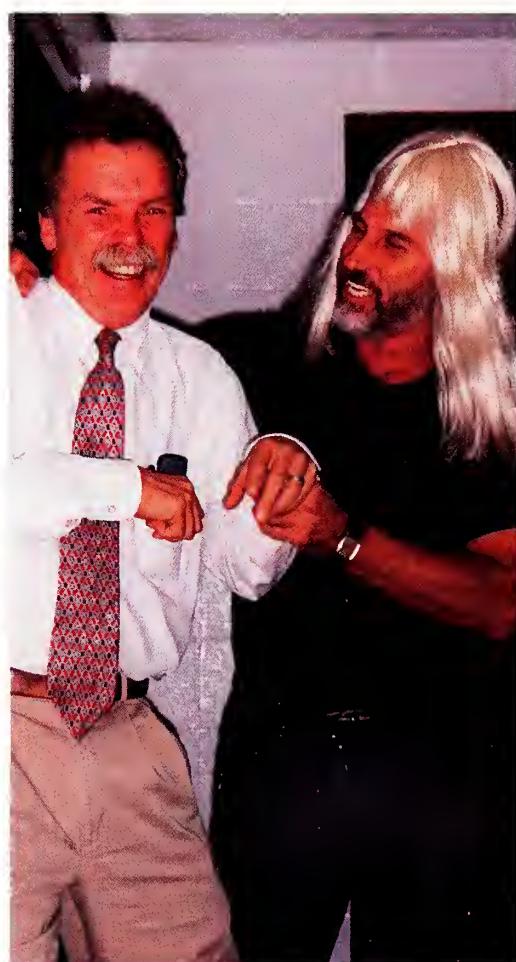
The Lion Yearbook staff wanted to create some memories for the student body. They sponsored the activity of "Should've Been In Pictures," on October 29, 1996. This gave everyone the opportunity to let their guards down and act their craziest. The overall goal was to present a good representation of the "Golden Triangle Family." In working with the students, the Yearbook Staff, "Made It Happen." Now use your imagination and figure out these pictures.

Just another bad hair day in Cosmetology. Demetrice is absolutely terrified at what they plan to do with her hair!

Sesame Street arrives on the set of East Mississippi Community College. Starring Oscar the Grouch ...

Dr. Bonner reveals his true colors and Mrs. Spears is nervous about his "other personality."





Featuring the GT wanna-be cheering squad giving it their best shot with a pyramid.

Use your imagination and discover the GT difference. They are proud of their campus heritage.

The yearbook crew hijacks the maintenance mobile and goes crazy after finishing a publication deadline. Poor Robert tries to retrieve the vehicle.

Mr. Collier will do ANYTHING to get a date, even if it means hitting on Mr. Lowrimore.

Meeting between classes is one way students have found to get to know one another.

CAFB students always take time to enjoy the outdoors, study, or to get better acquainted with their fellow students.



L to R: Lacy, Allan, Jose, Stacey, David, Allen, Richard, and Tiffany show off the new attractions in Freedom Park located at CAFB.

Some of the CAFB students take the time to go to the new park and have fun interacting in addition to their studies.





Getting Better Acquainted at CAFB

At CAFB there are no outside activities that the students can get involved in, so they make their own. On pretty days they will sit in their cars and listen to music to pass the time between classes. Others have found that going to the new Freedom Park is a good way to get better acquainted. It helps in relieving some of the stress that builds up from hours of being in class. They also gather at the picnic table and eat together or study, which ever they think is more important at the time. So in all reality the students make the CAFB extension what it is by the interaction they have with each other.



Jose and Stacey are making it happen by getting better acquainted in the park at CAFB.

Fellow CAFB students took time out of their busy schedules to help make the life at CAFB all that it can be.

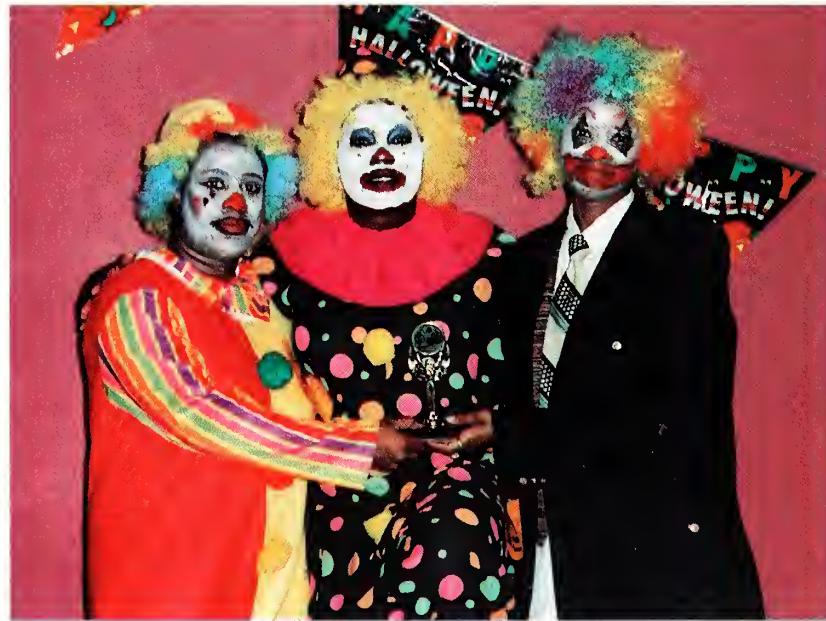
HOSA

Third Annual Spook Review

The "Third Annual Spook Review," was sponsored once again by the Health Occupations Clubs of America (HOSA). Many students participated in the event this year. Costumes ranged from Princess Jasmine and Aladdin to Wicked Witches. There were four different trophies awarded for costumes. Alice Simmons, Brenda Free, and Sabrina Kelly won for best female costume. Elizabeth Ricks won most original and Sanquenette Crumps, Angela Howell, and Veronica Gore won most original costumes.

The distinguished panel of judges were Tommy Robinson, Harriet Wilkerson, Bryan Owings, and Benjamin Tanner. We were to have them serve as judges. Marilyn Waldhalm and Steve Waldhalm were the MCs. We would like to thank them for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend our event.

Congratulations to all of the winners and other participants. We look forward to next years "Spook Review."



Angela Howell, Sanquenette Crump, and Veronica Gore were the winners of most original costumes.

Alice Simmons, Brenda Free, and Sabrina Kelly, clowns, won the best costume trophy. You always know there's a clown around.

Holly Crisamore, Related Studies Instructor, spooked her students for Halloween. Absolutely no one recognized her!





Barbara Coleman, a cosmetology student, shows school spirit by dressing as a lion for the Spook Review.

Angie Haney, as Raggedy Ann, and Gina Clardy, as Raggedy Andy, always make an appearance at the Annual Halloween Spook Review.

Featuring all of our talented students who participated in this years HOSA Halloween Spook Review.



Nursing student, Elizabeth Ricks, dressed as an Oreo cookie, won as the most original female costume.

Aaron Miles, Electronics student, dressed as Father Time. He won a trophy for the best costume in the HOSA Halloween Spook Review.

It Happens Through Competition



As a member of an organization, students have numerous opportunities. They can participate in civic, social, professional, and fund-raising activities. They can also run for a local, state, or national office. It is up to the student to "Make it Happen."

Many students compete on the state and national levels to truly reap the benefits of professional development. EMCC is very proud of the many award winners we have throughout the year. These students truly make things happen through their hard work and determination.

On the Golden Triangle Campus, we are proud to have three of our students represent EMCC as state officers. A state officer works as a member of a team in establishing common goals, and objectives to make things happen in the state. They are faced with many challenges during his or her term in office. They have to be enthusiastic with the motivation and integrity to represent their organization.

Tawana Davis, a marketing student from West Point, serves as the State President of Delta Epsilon Chi. Joey Ruffin, a marketing student from Laurel, serves as the State Parliamentarian of Delta Epsilon Chi. Ryan Houser, a drafting student from Houston, serves as the State Treasurer of VICA. As state officers they belong to a group of dedicated people who make things happen throughout the state.





“Being a member of Delta Epsilon Chi has been one of the biggest thrills of my life. The opportunities are endless. Work for what you believe in. The only dreams that are impossible to achieve, are the dreams never dreamed.”

Tawana Davis
State President
Delta Epsilon Chi

“Being a Delta Epsilon Chi state officer has meant a great deal to me. It has given me the opportunity to meet and associate with people all over the country.”

Joey Ruffin
State Parliamentarian
Delta Epsilon Chi



“Being VICA's State treasurer has been a great asset in my life. This state office has taught me many great leadership skills that I can carry with me for the rest of my life.”

Ryan Houser
State Treasurer
VICA

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Ms. Gullett, Amy, and Cassandra were ready for a very exciting night while on their way to the Grand Awards Session.

During the visit to Pleasure Island, they stopped to eat dinner at the Firecracker Cafe ... ribs out of this world.



At the Omni Rosen Hotel, Amy and Cassandra try to relax while getting ready to compete.



After competing, Cassandra and Amy are excited to see how they did in their events. By competing, they gained confidence in the world of banking.



ΔEX

Banking and Finance Students Compete **NATIONALLY** Orlando, Florida

Banking and Finance students competed on the National level in Orlando, Florida during the week of May 19-25, 1996. Ms. Gullett, along with Amy Smith and Cassandra Everett, attended this National Career Development Conference.

In order to attend this conference, Delta Epsilon Chi members had to attend the State Career Development Conference and place in an event. The Banking and Finance students performed very well in their competitive events. Both Amy and Cassandra competed in Finance and Credit series event. Amy Smith received a Certificate of Excellence for her performance in this event on the national level.

Although the primary focus of this trip was to compete, the students had some spare time to sight-see and enjoy Orlando. They went to Epcot Center, Pleasure Island, Church Street Station and Universal Studios. They also enjoyed shopping at the outlet mall and visiting the Planet Hollywood gift shop. This conference was a fun way to demonstrate all of their hard work and dedication and receive recognition for a job well done. The students will cherish the memories they received for a lifetime.

Amy and Cassandra taking a break outside from a long day of competition at the conference hotel.



Delta Epsilon Chi members take a breather at the entrance of Epcot Center after a day of fun, food and entertainment.

Latonya Brewer and Denise Cousins had fun during the American Free Enterprise Day. It was a very rewarding day because of the good speakers and games.

Banking and Finance members of Delta Epsilon Chi and their Advisor — Janet Gullet.



ΔEX Banking Chapter

The Banking and Finance Chapter of Delta Epsilon Chi (ΔEX) has worked hard to serve their community as well as their school. The students have been preparing for careers in the finance and business world through the banking curriculum and activities in Delta Epsilon Chi. Chapter activities include: the National Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida; the Back to School get-acquainted breakfast; the Fall Leadership Conference; officer elections; candy sales; and the annual Thanksgiving luncheon. For our community service, ΔEX students plan to serve as mentors to area high school students and participate in a project during Christmas. The students will also have a large Valentine balloon sale to raise funds for competition.

Delta Epsilon Chi provides the Banking and Finance Technology students an opportunity to develop their lives and careers to their fullest potential. They can compete at state conferences and hopefully go on to a national level conference.



ΔEX Banking Officers: L to R Ruby Guines, Parliamentarian; Jennifer Vega, President; Kim Jennings, Secretary; Kevin Brown, Social Committee; David Vega, Vice President; Carmen Shirley, Reporter; Jeff Lucas, Treasurer.

Jennifer Vega, David Vega, Kim Jennings, Latrice Swift, and Jeff Lucas were the 2nd place winners in the games played at the American Free Enterprise Day.



Marketing Management members of Delta Epsilon Chi and their advisor, Cindy Young. During the year, many ΔEX member will travel the country to attend various leadership conferences.

ΔEX members on a tour of the Bryan Print Shop learn more about how specific colors are mixed and how different layouts are developed.



ΔEX Marketing Chapter

Delta Epsilon Chi (ΔEX) provides many opportunities for developing strong organization, communication, and leadership skills. The Marketing chapter this year alone has traveled to Orlando, Florida; Raymond, Mississippi; Washington, D.C.; and Jackson, Mississippi. We hope to attend the National Career Development Conference that will be held in Anaheim, California this May.

As ΔEX members, we are also involved in many civic activities such as making candy pumpkins for children at Sally Kate Winters Home, planning a Thanksgiving lunch and a Valentine lunch with an area nursing home, adopting a family for Christmas, sponsoring a pet supply drive, and coordinating an Easter Egg hunt and Spring fling with the children at Safehaven. Students participate in at least one civic activity a month. This is just one way we feel we give back to the communities that surround EMCC.

We also always find time for a social or two! Throughout this year, members have had picnics, various seasonal parties, and have been out to eat together numerous times. Through ΔEX we are "Making it Happen."

ΔEX Marketing Officers: Angie Turnage, President; Dorothy McDavid, Vice-President; Fannie Anthony, Reporter; Gabrielle Cooks, Secretary/Parliamentarian.

ΔEX members are enjoying one of their first socials, a pizza party. This was also a chance for the new members to get to know the returning members.



Delta Epsilon Chi members took a break from competition and enjoyed a marathon day of hitting Epcot Center and the Magic Kingdom.

EMCC Marketing students and their advisor were overwhelmed with excitement after an incredible award winning night at the National Career Development Conference.



Neil, Angie, Michele, Tawana, Patricia, and Joey enjoyed a "blast from the past" at Universal Studios while in Orlando.



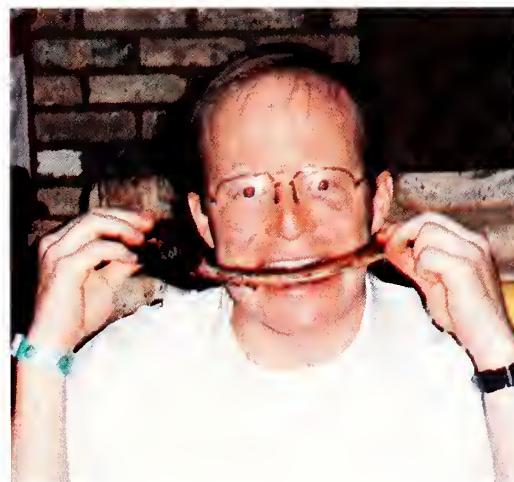
Marketing Students Receive NATIONAL AWARDS in Orlando, Florida

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Several students from the Marketing Chapter of Delta Epsilon Chi attended the National Career Development Conference held in Orlando, Florida. Michele Hardy, Joey Ruffin, Tawana Davis, Angie Turnage, Shannon Williams, Jennie Pate, Patricia Dawkins represented our chapter at the conference. They were accompanied by their advisor Ms. Cindy Young and Mr. Michael Gann, GT Director of Public Relations. Tawana Davis, Michele Hardy, and Joey Ruffin received second place in the nation for the event of Chapter Officer Leadership. Jeannie Pate was a top 10 finalist in the nation in the event of Management Decision Making, Merchandising Division. Angie Turnage received the Award of Excellence for the event of Hospitality and Tourism. Our students competed not only with community colleges but universities as well.

In order to attend this conference, Delta Epsilon Chi members had to attend the State Career Development Conference and place in an event. Each EMCC marketing student who attended this conference won at least one award. Needless to say, our chapter was very proud of their achievements.

The students had an exciting time and friendships were formed quickly. While attending the conference, the students visited the Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center, Universal Studios, Pleasure Island, Church Street Station, and Planet Hollywood. This conference was very educational as well as a blast! The students will cherish the friendships and memories they received for a lifetime.



Michele, Joey, and Tawana were very proud of their second place in the Nation award for Chapter Officer Leadership.

Mr. Gann enjoyed the ribs at the Firecracker Cafe after a long day of chauffeuring us around in Orlando. He was a trooper!

Tawana Davis was breathtaken by the sight of the Washington Monument on her flight into the capitol. There is nothing else like an aerial view of our nation's capitol!

Delta Epsilon Chi members from Tennessee, Florida, Rhode Island, and Mississippi spent the last night of the conference socializing at Hard Rock Cafe.



Tawana with advisor, Cindy Young, spent their last hours in Washington D.C. sightseeing. The sights and history of Washington D.C. were unbelievable.

Tawana, MS Delta Epsilon Chi President, was able to interact with DECA members at the conference. Not only was she a link between the organizations, she also made lasting friendships.

Making DREAMS Happen in Washington D.C.



ΔEX Leadership Conference

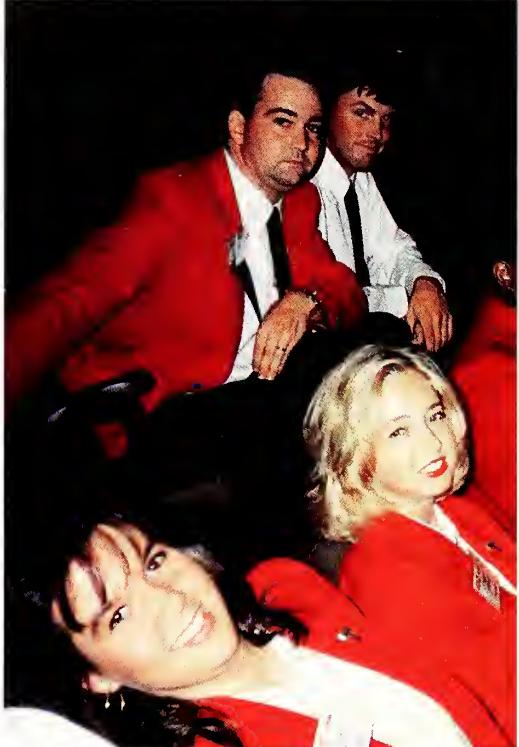
This year, Delta Epsilon Chi's Southern Region and North-Atlantic Region held a joint leadership conference. Tawana Davis, MS Delta Epsilon Chi State President, and Cindy Young, Advisor attended this conference held in Washington D.C. from November 7-10. The theme of the conference was "On a Monumental Future". Tawana and Ms. Young attended many workshops on developing leadership skills as well as great communication skills. The conference also gave the participants the opportunity to strengthen relationships with other students from their state and region, as well as other countries. In addition to the United States members, there were also members from Puerto Rico and Canada. These members came from high schools, community colleges, and universities.

While attending the conference there was plenty of time to tour the historic city, shop, and make friends. These lasting friendships will be cherished and the memories made will last a lifetime. This conference was an educational blast!

With the legendary White House behind them, they look toward the world of opportunities before them. Delta Epsilon Chi is an organization full of leadership development opportunities for its members.

Golden Triangle Student NATIONAL CONFERENCE

In Kansas City, Missouri



Nothing can take the place of the experience students get from attending a National Conference.

Ryan captures some of the great views of Kansas from his hotel window while attending the 1996 VICA Competition.

VICA

VICA is an organizational structure at the Local, State, and National level. VICA represents the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. VICA helps its members develop leadership abilities by participating in educational, vocational, civic, recreational, and other social activities. The members are also registered in co-educational secondary and post-secondary vocational-industrial education.

East Mississippi Community College had one talented VICA member to attend the National Conference in Kansas City, Missouri as VICA State Treasurer. Ryan Houser, Drafting & Design Sophomore, was accompanied by Mr. Ernest Lowrimore, VICA Advisor. In their spare time, Ryan and Mr. Lowrimore went to Worlds of Fun in Kansas City. While at the conference, Ryan and other members met and made everlasting friendships.





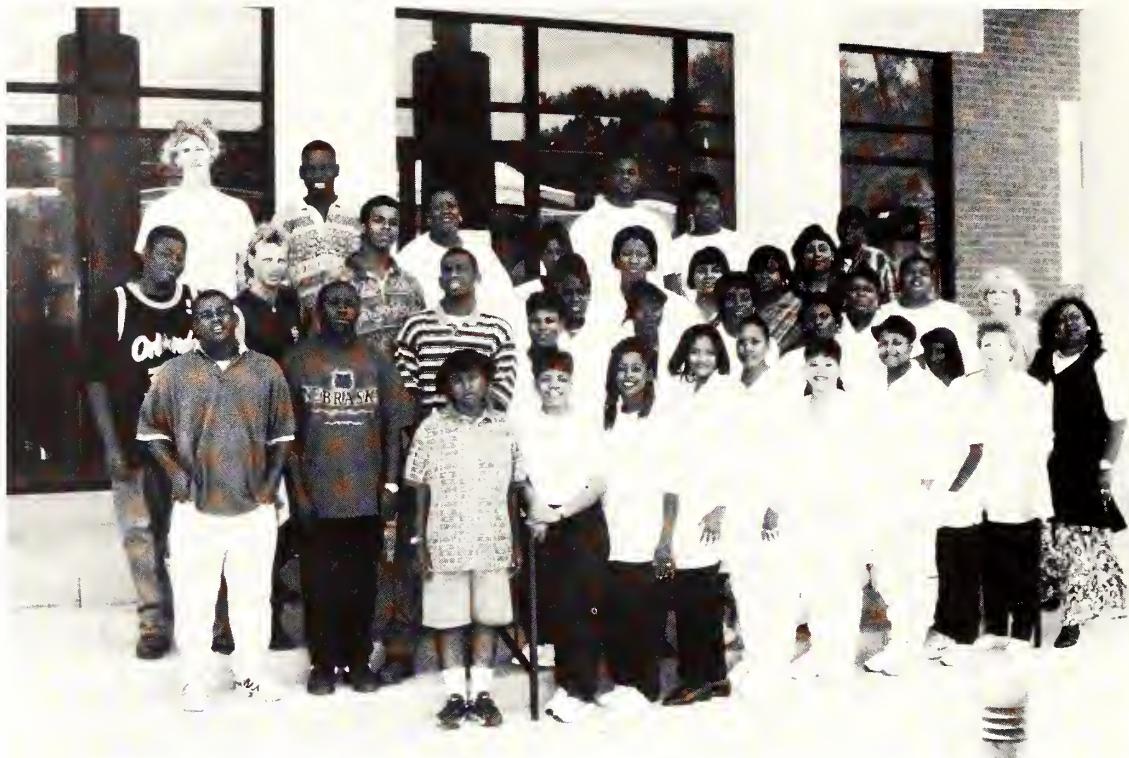
Ernest Lowrimore, VICA Advisor, accompanied Ryan Houser, the State VICA Treasurer, to competition in Kansas City, Missouri.

While attending National Competition, they enjoyed the many sights of the downtown area.



Ryan has had the opportunity to work and compete with other members across the state and develop many valuable friendships.

VICA members L to R first row: S. Amer-
son, F. Stewart, C. Smith,
W. McElroy, G. Payne, C.
Leflore, T. Moore, L.
McNese, J. Cook, and
instructor C. Kennedy.
Second Row: E.
Edmonds, M. Smith, J.
Boyd, S. Blakley, C.
Scott, L. Eades, T.
Hardin, T. Hearn, S.
Davis, T. McNeese, and
instructor J. Pace. Third
Row: D. Roby, G. Glass,
M. Brooks, T. Boyd, L.
Saucier, N. Brookds, S.
Cunningham, D. Wells,
and S. Smith. Back Row:
J. Birzer, S. Vactor, S.
Hunt, J. Joiner, and C.
Peters.



Learning Trades with VICA

VICA on the Scooba Campus is comprised of the students in Cosmetology and those students in Auto Mechanics advised by Mrs. Jan Pace. These students compete in many areas of Cosmetology and Auto Mechanics. The purpose of VICA is to help students to develop leadership and organizational skills. VICA represents quality at work.



Future Cosmetologists can apply their skills through competition while learning their trade.

Auto mechanic student looking for the problem while they try to make it happen.





Gaining Knowledge with VICA

VICA members from the GT Campus come from various majors and backgrounds. Some are majoring in Drafting, Electronics, Instrumentation, Airframe Mechanics, Industrial Electricity, Machine Shop, Auto Mechanics, Welding, Practical Nursing, and Cosmetology. VICA helps members to develop leadership skills and to compete in what they know best, their particular major. Mr. Earnest Lowerimore serves as the VICA advisor on the Golden Triangle Campus.

VICA Representatives: April Paster, Welding; Auto Mechanics; Kathi Thompson, Nursing; Mr. Lowerimore, Advisor; Charlie Gilson, Electronics; Tiffany Darden, Cosmetology; and Brad Farmer, Instrumentation.

Nursing and Cosmetology join together in a fund-raiser for VICA in selling flower bulbs to students, faculty, staff, family and friends.



The Scooba and Golden Triangle members show their enthusiasm with fellow Mississippi delegates.

HOSA members kick back for a relaxing evening after a day of stressful competition.



The HOSA members showing team spirit at the National Awards ceremonies. This night was a night that all the hard work and preparation was recognized for by not only fellow members but an entire Nation.

Mrs. Lamison was proud of all her members that went no matter whether they won or not because it was all a learning experience.



The Golden Triangle HOSA members lean on each other for support when it comes to competition.



HOSA

Award Winning Nursing Students Chicago, Illinois

Several students from EMCC attended the National HOSA Conference in Chicago, Illinois. They were accompanied by their advisors, Mrs. Lamison from the Golden Triangle Campus and Mrs. Landrum from the Scooba Campus.

Phillip Duncan, Perrylyn Hovas, Tanya White, and Matt Wade from the Golden Triangle Campus attended, as well as Chiquita Moore Jones from the Scooba Campus. Shirely Stevens, from the Golden Triangle, received 2nd place in the nation on the Gerontology Knowledge Test. Chiquita Moore Jones represented the Scooba Campus in the Prepared Speaking. The students from the Golden Triangle Campus were in the top 10 in the Parliamentary Procedure on the national level. EMCC was very proud of their students.

The students had an exciting time in Chicago after their competitive events. They enjoyed the Food Festival in Grant Park which is a block from Lake Michigan. They also had a good time in the park with Hank Williams, Jr. They shopped till they dropped on the 14th Avenue. They ate at Oprah Winfrey's and Michael Jordan's restaurants. They saw the Sears Building, the tallest building in Chicago. The students gained confidence from the educational experience and had the time of their lives. They truly enjoyed the sights and sounds of Chicago.

Congratulations! Shirely Stevens, from the Golden Triangle campus, won 2nd place in the nation in the Gerontology Knowledge Test.



Mrs. Landrum and Mrs. Lamison had an incredible time in Chicago while their students gained a competitive edge in the workforce.

To be a HOSA member, you must be a nursing major. Mrs. Betty Landrum and Mrs. Monica Stennis serve as the advisors for this organization on the Scooba campus.



HOSA

Lending a Helping Hand

HOsa is a national organization for secondary and post secondary vocational students enrolled in Health Occupations Education. Members strengthen their leadership and citizenship abilities through interaction with professional, business and other student organizations. HOSA members have the opportunity to share experience with others involved in health occupations. Members build confidence in their own ability to develop skills that will lead to successful employment in the field of health. The mission of HOSA is to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill, and leadership development of all health occupation students. This helps the students to meet the needs of the health care community. We are fortunate to have two HOSA chapters, one on the Scooba Campus and one on the Golden Triangle Campus. (Pictured here are HOSA members on the Scooba Campus.)

1 st row L-R: V. Lane; V-Pres., T. McRae, Sec./Treas., C. Beaty, P. Chaney. Back row: Par. M. Naylor; Pres. S. Kirkland.

Hosa students and Advisors "Making it Happen" out of the classroom!!!



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mem
bers

will receive their PN
diplomas in July and
will then be able to
take their state board
exams.



HOSA

Health Care Providers Make it Happen

Health Occupational Students of America is an organization for health care students. The purpose of the organization is to enhance the skills of the students so they can develop strong knowledge and leadership skills. When students leave this organization to embark on their journey of life, they will display excellent health care provider qualities, such as respect for mankind, a sense of dignity, and professionalism. With these qualities students will, without a doubt, be a valuable asset to the world of medicine.

Mrs. Lamison, Mrs. Gunter, and Mrs. Bailey serve as HOSA advisors for the Golden Triangle Campus. Pictured here are HOSA members on the Golden Triangle Campus.

L to R 1st row: A. Howell, N. Miller, S. Bowens, R. Willis;
2nd row L to R: Treas., L. Morton; Sec., J. Hudson; E. Ricks; V-Pres., M. Johnson; Rep., I. Womack; 3rd row: Pres., C. Snow; Par., E. Doss.

HOSA members make it happen out of the classroom while participating in the "Very Special Arts Day" at Mississippi State University.

Phi Beta Lambda Golden Triangle



Phi Beta Lambda is a nationally organized association of college students who pursue careers in both business and computer technologies. The mission of PBL is to develop strong business leaders that will carry our world into the 21st century. These future leaders will then in turn, develop strong leadership skills, self-confidence, and a sense of belonging.

PBL members are both Business Technology students and Computer Technology.



PBL members had a great time hosting American Free Enterprise Day for area high school students.

Phi Beta Lambda 1996-1997 officers are L-R: V-Pres., J. Brooks; Hist., L. Fitzgerald; Parl., T. McDevitt, Pres., A. Hankerson, Rep., T. Lee; Sec., P. Gillis; Treas., A. Hughes.





Phi Beta Lambda Future Leaders in Business



Phi Beta Lambda is the nationally organized association of college students pursuing careers in business technology and computer technology. The objective of Phi Beta Lambda is to bring together business and education. Phi Beta Lambda members and advisers strive to develop and instill competent and aggressive business leadership qualities in each person.

Phi Beta Lambda members develop leadership skills that will stay with the members forever.



Phi Beta Lambda 1996-1997 officers are L-R: President, B. Dale; Vice-President, A. Maxer; Secretary, R. Jefferson; Representative, A. Hill.



Mrs. Cherry always lends a helping hand to students, when they are in a bind.

Mrs. Killebrew and Mrs. Hull help Michele Eldridge, Candy Branning, and Susie Tullos understand some facts about Phi Theta Kappa.

Some members of Phi Theta Kappa are: Mrs. Betty Killebrew (advisor), Ricky Miller, Tommy Jarvis, Chris Rutherford, Mallory Parker, Sherby Bozeman, Shanna Breckinridge, and Mrs. Lucy Hull (advisor).

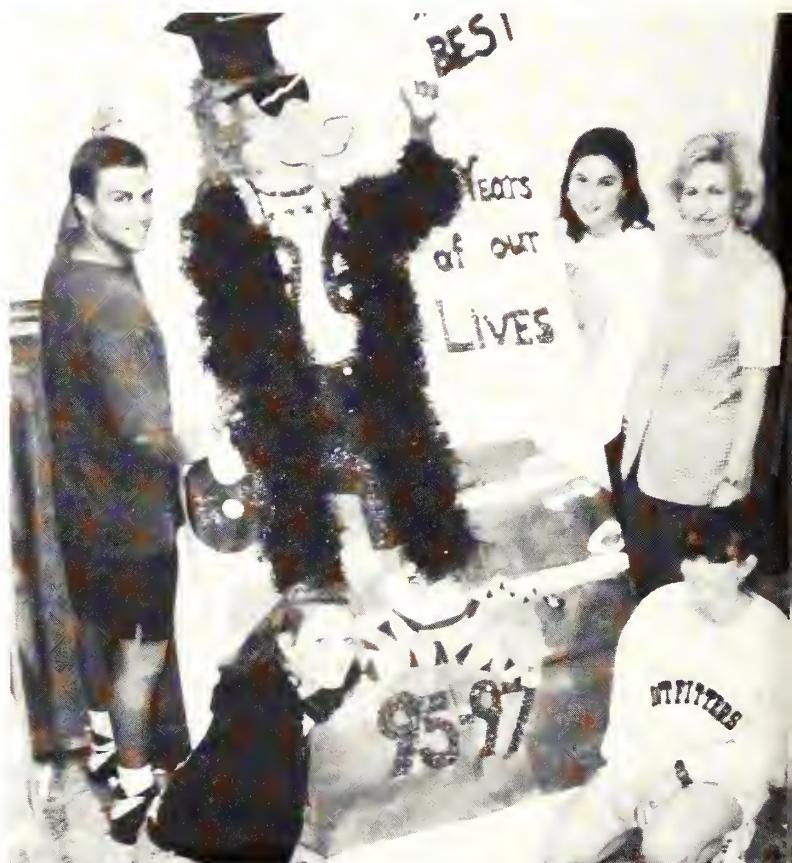


Making the Grades with Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is the recognized official society for community/junior colleges. Its purpose is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year students. "To achieve this purpose Phi Theta Kappa provides opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate to exchange ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.

Phi Theta Kappa members Tommy Jarvis, Shanna Breckinridge, Mrs. Betty Killebrew (advisor), Mallory Parker, and Michele Eldridge show their display for Homecoming.

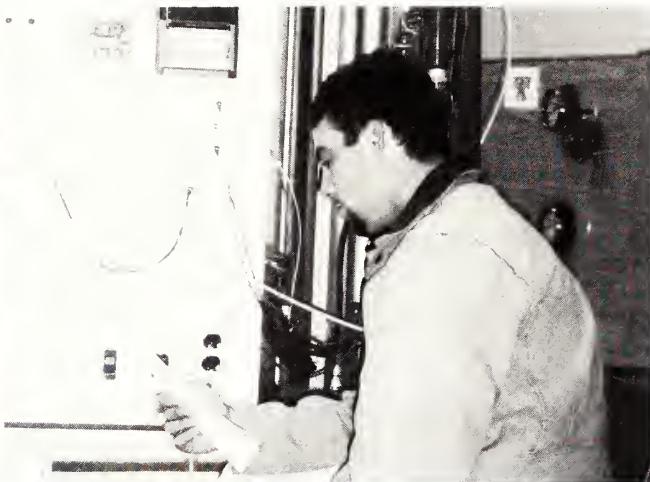
Phi Theta Kappa officers are: (L to R): Shanna Breckinridge (President), Chris Rutherford (Vice-President), Tommy Jarvis (Secretary/Treasurer), Sherby Bozeman (Reporter).





PTK members L to R: Zelma Fulgham — Advisor, Joshua Ward, Arvis Thompson, Arvis Lawson, Aretina Hankerson, and Bryant Thomas.

PTK members come from all majors. Eric Lowerimore is an Instrumentation Technology major on the Golden Triangle Campus.



Leading in Education with Phi Theta Kappa

On April 2, 1996, twenty-five students from the Golden Triangle Campus were initiated into Phi Theta Kappa. This group represents the second group of students from our campus who have had the opportunity to join this prestigious organization. Invitations are extended only once to the students who qualify. They may be enrolled in liberal arts or perhaps in a technical program. These students must be on the President's List, which requires a minimum of 3.6 GPA, and have a cumulative of 3.5 GPA. Needless to say it is an honor to be selected for membership and these students are true leaders in education.

Electrical students, Scott Smith and Charles Brown use the team work approach to get the project completed.

Brad Farmer and Eric Lowerimore put their instrumentation knowledge to the test through application.



SGA - SCOOBA

Voice of the Student Body

The SGA are students elected as representatives of the student body and act as a link to the college's administration.

The Scooba Campus advisor is Mr. Shelton Gandy. The Student Government Association is responsible for campus activities. The SGA officers and representatives have many responsibilities such as the homecoming dance and providing a variety of stage shows held in Stennis Hall Auditorium. There are often many issues that concern commuting and dormitory students. All student issues are brought before the SGA and discussed by the SGA members and a plan of action is then taken.

Carey Butler-Freshman Representative and Alveta Tate Representative. Not pictured Barbara Dale and Tonya Hudnall-Sophomore Representatives.

SGA Officers
L to R Shanna Breckenridge - Sophomore Representative, James Stennis - Vice President, and Connie Smith - Freshman Representative.



Mr. Shelton Gandy - SGA Advisor, Keith Johnson - SGA President, and Chris Rutherford - Secretary/Treasurer.



SGA President Keith Johnson prepares for the next meeting.





SGA - GT CAMPUS

Making Plans for an Eventful Year

GT SGA Officers, L to R: President, Dorothy McDavid; Vice-President, Demetrice Timmes; (not pictured) Secretary, Angela Oakman.

This year's members have been very active. They plan to sponsor their annual talent show. The Christmas door contest and riding in the Columbus Christmas parade have also become annual events. Recently, they just completed their first very successful fund raiser which was a car wash for the faculty and students. In the spring, they plan to participate in the Highway clean-up as well as sponsor a pool tournament.

Students always look forward to sponsoring the Awards Day ceremony, followed by a picnic for the student body, faculty, staff and administration. To add a little spice to the year, they have discussed plans for a "Womanless Beauty Review." Needless to say, members plan to have an eventful year.



L to R: Mr. Lyman Smith-Co Advisor, Aaron Miles, Margaret Cockrell, Thomas Cagle, Cleopatra Hicks, Terry Conner, Dorothy McDavid, Arvis Thompson, Matthew Yoder, Angie Turnage, Jason Gentry, Demetrice Timmes, and Co-Advisor Chris Erby.



SGA member, Angie Turnage, discusses plans for the float in the upcoming Christmas parade in Columbus.

Mrs. Erby serves as a co-advisor of SGA on the Golden Triangle Campus.



Reverend Wood (advisor) of the Student Christian Fellowship prepares another fun lunch for the members.



Fellowshipping with Students Christian Fellowship

The Student Christian Fellowship (S.C.F.) on the Scooba campus is a Christian organization that help develop college students as disciples of Christ. A lunch is provided and open to all students, faculty, staff, and administrators. The S.C.F. sponsors the "See You At The Pole" held in the fall. Through Bible devotional activities and weekly meals, members learn from each other. They learn traditional Christian values.



Student Christian Fellowship members are: Front Row: (L-R) Rev. John Wood, Tonya Hudnall (V.P.), Lance Jenkins, and Anthony Robbins. Back Row (L-R): Connie Smith, Missy Green, James Stennis, Sirena Spotts, Mary Scott, Sherby Bozeman (Pres.), and Angie Millsaps. Not Pictured: David Landrum, Matthew Pellerin, Ben Boes, Blake Boes, Mrs. Irene Nichols, Mrs. Ann Tindal, Mr. Larry Salter, Mrs. Wynelia Cherry, and Mr. Al Evans.

Student Christian Fellowship Officers are: Sherby Bozeman (President), and Tonya Hudnall (Vice President).



Fellowship of Christian Athlete members are from Left to Right: Nathan Smith, Shanna Breckenridge, Byron Harris, Bradley Harris, Marie McDade, Laura McDade, Michelle Eldridge, Shaunacy Carter, David Smith, Ricky Miller, Wilson Hillman.



Bonding with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Scooba Campus, is designed to give athletes and non-athletes and coaches a chance to interact with each other. They all have an opportunity to challenge and chance to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The Bible is the way of salvation and happiness of believers. The F.C.A. is sponsored by Women's Basketball Coach Dale Peay and Larry Salter, teacher and counselor. The F.C.A. meets on Wednesday nights. Guest speakers, Bible drills, and snacks are all part of the fellowship.

Coach Dale Peay (advisor), gives instructions for one of the many activities FCA enjoys.

Bible study is a big part of FCA!



Making It Happen with Delta Psi Omega

Delta Psi Omega and Drama Productions work together to make a great play. L to R: Tedrick Liddell, Connie Smith, Chris Hill, Melinda Sciple, David Landrum, Ann Tindal, Jemario Washington, Angie Millsaps, and Taurus Edwards.



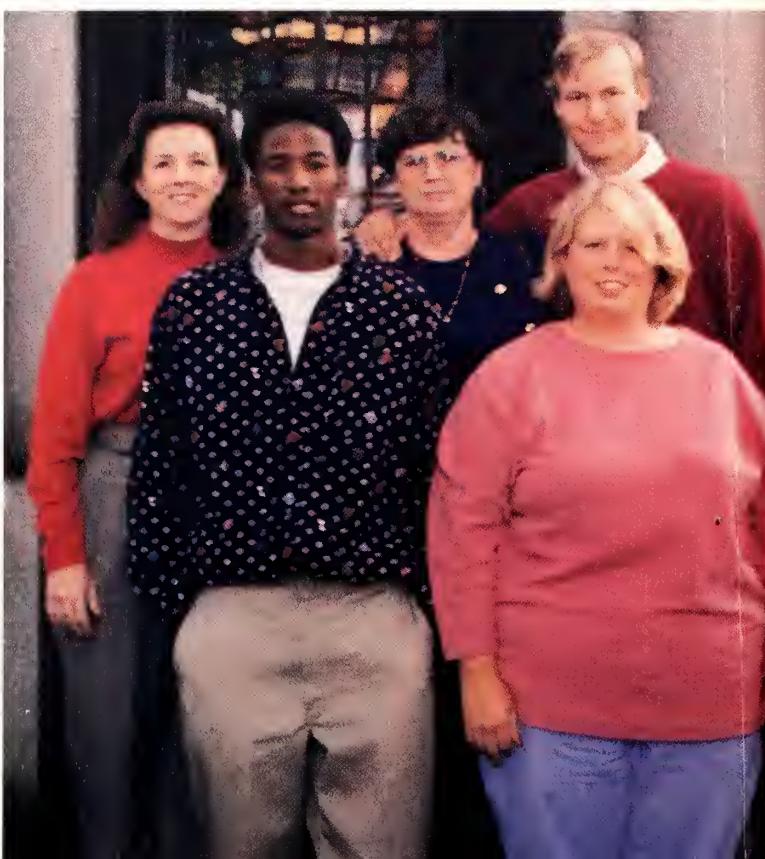
Delta Psi Omega was organized March 20, 1929, as an honorary dramatic fraternity for the purpose of providing an honor society for those doing a high standard of work in dramatics and to provide a wider fellowship of those interested in college theatre.

Delta Psi Omega consist of David Landrum, Tedrick Liddell, Ann Tindal (advisor), Taurus Edwards, Jemario Washington, and Angie Millsaps.



Chris Hill and Tedrick Liddell work behind the scenes on the lights for the production.

Melinda Sciple (technical director), Ann Tindal (advisor), David Landrum, Jemario Washington, and Angie Millsaps participated in a drama festival at Millsaps College.



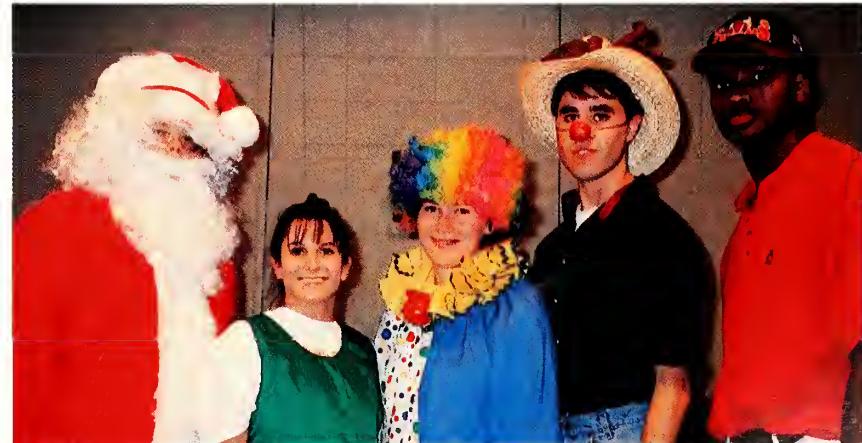


Music Theater Workshop Makes Memories

Suzy Snowflake, Mallory Parker, along with reindeer, Marvin Samuel, Quincy Jackson, Billy Gibson, Jody Bates, Chipmunk, David Landrum, and clown, Jennifer Satterwhite make kids laugh at the Frosty Follies.



Music Theater Workshop along with the EMCC Choir presented the Ninth Annual Frosty Follies production to elementary students in the surrounding areas. Every year over 1,000 elementary students travel by bus to see this anticipated production presented by the Music Theater Workshop and EMCC Choir. Mrs. Brenda DiMichele involves students from all areas of study in this production. The cast and crew consist of over 50 participants.



Music Theater Workshop students are gearing up for the ninth annual "Frosty Follies" production under the direction of Brenda DiMichele.

Santa, Brad McDill, and Rudolph, Cal Robinson, are joined by Summer Stephens, Jennifer Satterwhite, and Quincy Jackson in celebration of Christmas.

Students are getting ready for a dress rehearsal. It takes many long hours of practice to prepare for a major production.



The EMCC Choir under the direction of Mrs. Brenda DiMichele prepare for their big Christmas show.



EMCC Voices In One Accord

The EMCC Choir works with Music Workshop to produce "Frosty Follies." The EMCC Choir under the direction of Mrs. Brenda DiMichele is opened to all students. The Choir members also preform during the annual Pine Grove Festival that is held in the Spring. The Choir often performs for patients in area nursing homes.



Turning up vocally for "Frosty Follies."

Just waiting for practice to begin.





Taking a Gospel Choir break after long hours of practice.



Gospel Choir members are from bottom row to top row: Mary Scott, Michael Smith, Al Curtis, Quincy Jackson, Carey Butler, LaToya Williams, Tremika Monroe, Keldja Richardson, Tawanda Nash, Linda Gandy, Daphine Jefferson, Stephanie Halbert, Katina Gibson, Jewel Wilson. Director: Mr. Terry Stennis.



The Gospel Choir is an inspirational group made up of talented students on the EMCC-Scooba Campus. Terry Stennis is the director of this musical group. The Gospel Choir performs during Black History Month and sometimes gives concerts at churches in the area.

Mr. Terry Stennis, Director, practices with a few members for their concert held in October.

The Gospel Choir practices for one of their concerts that will be in a local church.



Making Music with Reflections

The Reflections, EMCC's Musical Ambassadors, are a selected vocal/instrumental ensemble who perform a variety of musical styles on and off campus. This versatile group provides music for listeners of all ages and musical tastes with a repertoire ranging from Pop to Country and Contemporary Classic to Rock and Roll. The group provides entertainment for Homecoming, Beauty and Beau Pageant, Pine Grove Festival, Senior Visitations and Commencement. They also perform at the State Choral Festival, Banquets, Benefits, and other Civic functions.

Jennifer Satterwhite and Cal Robinson get ready for Homecoming by painting a sign for Reflections.



Jody, Corrie, Quincy, Kim, Cal, Jennifer, and AL are practicing a dance step that goes to their music.



Reflections (l to r) First Row: Cal Robinson, Chris Hill, Vincent Tanksley, Quincy Jackson, Jody Bates, Daniel Wade, Michael Smith Second Row: LaToya Williams, Tawnda Nash, Shana Breckinridge, Corrie Broadhead, Kim Knight, Jewel Robinson, Jennifer Satterwhite Third Row: Justin Boykin, Jeff Fortenberry, Michael Crenshaw, Johnathan McCall, Chris Rutherford, Mrs. Brenda DiMichele (director).

The Reflections entertained a large crowd at the Alumni Banquet as part of the Homecoming Festivities.



Making Music at the Choral Festival

Mrs. Brenda DiMichele, Jody Bates, and Quincy Jackson are working on their voice parts for the Festival.

Five EMCC students were selected to participate in the Mississippi Community/Junior College All-State Choir Festival which was held at the University of Southern Mississippi on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. This group also performed at the Mississippi Community/Junior College Choral Festival held at the Hinds Community College on Feb. 21 and 22.

The Reflections performs on Friday night, Feb. 21, at the Choral Festival along with other special ensembles representing their respective community/junior colleges. This performance happens to be one of the highlights of the festival each year.

Members of the EMCC choir also participate in the mass choir with the festival culminating a moving concert on Saturday, Feb. 22.

Corrie Broadhead, Jody Bates, and Quincy Jackson are reviewing a piece of music for the Honor Choir.



Mrs. DiMichele works with Shanna Breckinridge on the second soprano part. Not pictured: Jewel Wilson, first soprano.

Mrs. DiMichele helps Corrie Broadhead with her alto part.



Collegian Advisor, Dr. Conrad DiMichele, Juanita Harris, Michele Eldridge, Annette Hare, and Angie Millsaps. Back row, Daphne Jefferson, Tony Diesinger, and Wes Landrum.



The Collegian is There When News Happens

The Collegian is the official East Mississippi Community College student newspaper. The newspaper is printed three times each semester. Students from various fields of study that have an interest in journalism may write for the newspaper. The Collegian's purpose is to inform students of present and past events. "The Collegian" is distributed on the Scooba and Mayhew campuses and also at the Columbus AFB and Meridian NAS. Dr. Conrad DiMichele is the advisor and photographer for the Collegian.

Michele and Daphne meeting the next Collegian deadline. It takes teamwork to make it happen.

Collegian Editor, Angie Millsaps, and Sports Editor, Wes Landrum work with a winning team to put the publication together.





Syzygy staff, L to R: Advisor — Mrs. Betty Killebrew, Missy Green, Connie Smith, Sherby Bozeman, Matthew Pellerin, Juana Harris, and Mrs. Ethel Jarvis — advisor.



Syzygy Making History with Students Creativity

SYZYGY, the literary magazine, was started in the spring of 1970. We are proud of the fact that we were the first two-year college in the state to have a literary magazine. SYZYGY was established as the English Department's contribution to the Pine Grove Festival and, more importantly, to give students the opportunity to use their creative writing talents.



The Advisors help Matthew and Juana discuss ideas for this year's cover design.

Sherby, Connie and Missy discuss their ideas for the Syzygy layout.

The Yearbook Staff ... Making Memories Happen

The Lion is a direct reflection of the years most memorable events. It helps us in reliving the memories at years end with close friends and acquaintances. The yearbook staff helps the students "Make it Happen" by getting them involved in school activities.



To R: S. Carter, S. Spotts, S. Gunther, A. Hare, A. Millsaps, L. Gangy, and F. Clark with their advisor, Dr. DiMichele.



Sirena is helping Shayda and Fred in drawing layouts and cropping pictures. It takes time to frame the perfect picture.

To R: Serina Spotts, Assistant Editor; David Landrum, Sports Editor; and Angie Millsaps, Editor.





Recording History in the Making



In pulling together as a group the yearbook staff, strives to make each edition of **The Lion** better than the year before. Some members go to camp to learn more about how to put the yearbook together, new ways to take the perfect picture, and design more advanced layouts. Each year we strive to make the best out of what we have learned, and hope that everyone enjoys the finished product. After all we are recording history in the making.

To R: S. Estrella, T. Davis, C. Young, District Advisor; Z. Fulgham, Co-Advisor; A. Turnage, and A. Henderson.

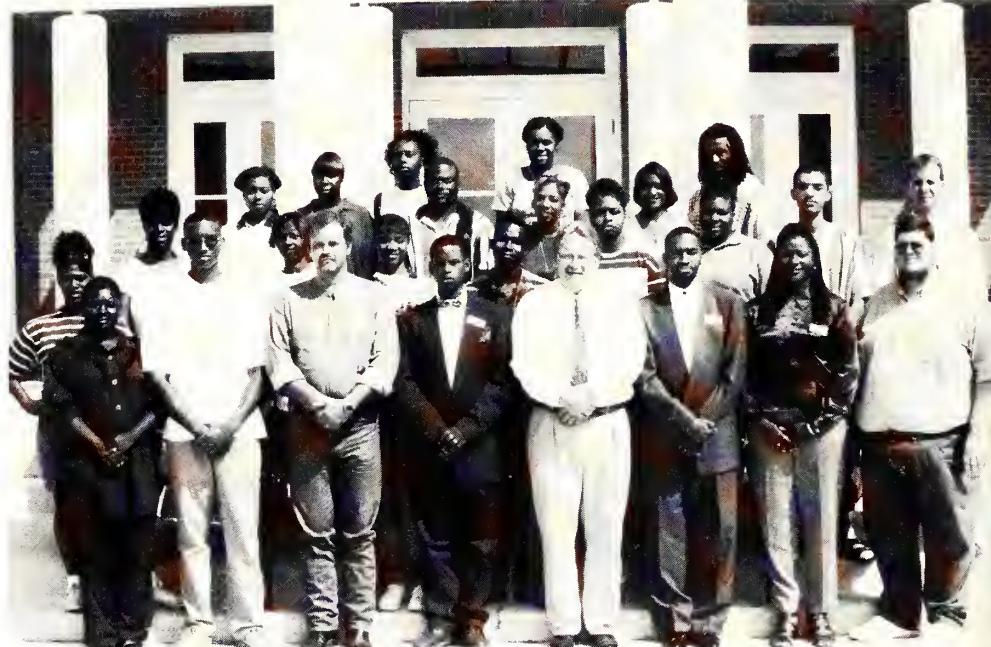


Top: Tawana Davis, District Editor.
Bottom: Angia Turnage, Assistant Editor.

Sarai is working hard at the computer trying to get her last minute corrections in before the deadline. It takes many long days and nights to record your special moments.

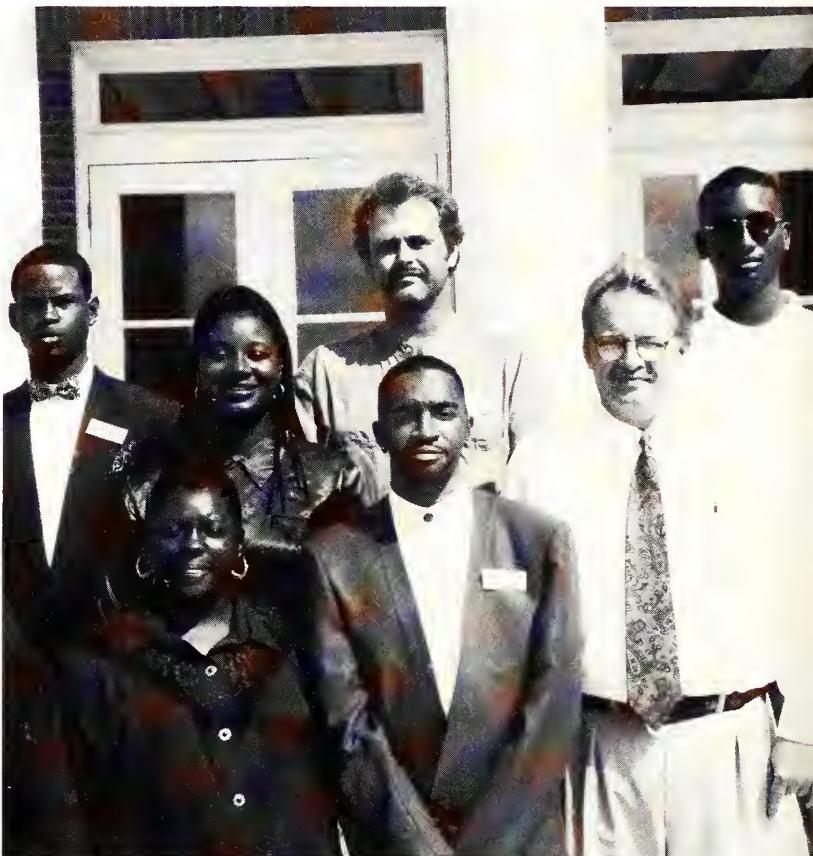
Mr. David Mullins is the advisor for Sigma Phi Sigma.

Sigma Phi Sigma members L to R First Row: Mary Scott, Henry Gerald, Alan Beasley, Jeremy Freeman, Rick Engel, Keith Johnson, Robbin Houston, and advisor Mr Mullins. Second row: Margaret Mims, Angelia Griffith, Errca Pipkins, Cedric Ellis, Sennette Pearson, Kimberla Terry, Jesus Rodriguez, and Bill Floyd. Third row: Angela Jones, Marsha Dent, Quincy Lyons, Tameka Brown, Yolanda Holmes, and James Houston. Fourth row: Monique Morgan and Tawanda Stewart.



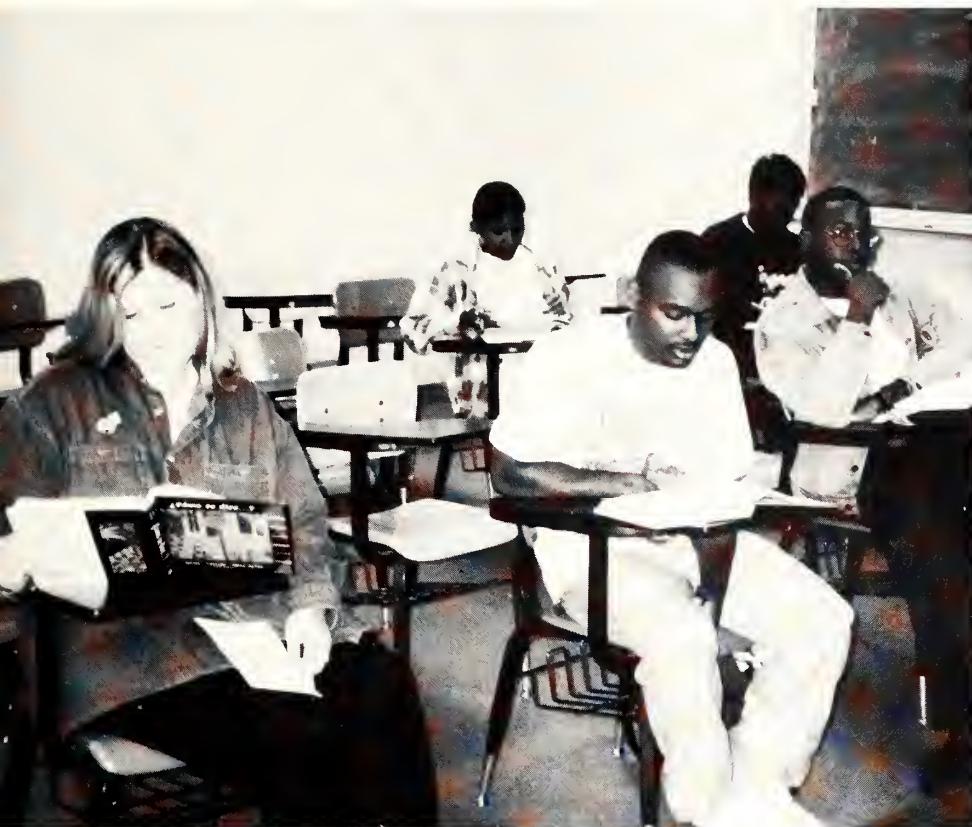
Sigma Phi Sigma Professionalism through Education

Sigma Phi Sigma is a service fraternity in the Funeral Service Technology Department at East Mississippi Community College. The fraternity concerns itself with the advancement of professionalism, ethics, and high moral character in funeral service. While promoting student activities and fund raising, the fraternity constantly strives to improve the society in which its membership lives. Through fraternities like Sigma Phi Sigma, both student life and community life are advanced.



Sigma Phi Sigma Officers: first row: L to R, Mary Scott, Sgt-At-Arms and Keith Johnson, President. Second row: L to R, Robbin Houston, Secretary and Rick Engel, Vice-President. Third row: L to R, Jeremy Freeman, Treasurer; Alan Beasley, Sophomore Representative, and Henry Gerald, Freshman Representative.





Mary, Jerome, Al, Steph-Manie, and Amy look over material before a big test.

Mrs. Catalina Huerkamp helps Amy Deanes on her pronunciation in Spanish.



Spanish Club Creates Interest



The Spanish has once again returned to the curriculum at the Scooba Campus. Mrs. Catalina Huerkamp is the Spanish instructor. While studying the Spanish language and customs of the Spanish speaking world; the class also prepared for its first field trip to Columbus and literally taste the flavor of Spanish cooking at La Fiesta and a trip to Mexico in the Spring. The students in the Spanish classes realize the importance of a second language today. A second language, especially Spanish, will be helpful in obtaining a job in a bi-lingual world.

Robert Davis enjoys personal attention from Mrs. Huerkamp.

Robert, Kim Keyshea, and LaShea enjoy a good laugh while learning Spanish.



Teamwork Makes it Happen



There is a lesson to be learned in athletic competition. The importance of teamwork is not limited to the playing fields and arenas; life itself is teamwork. Other lessons are learned in athletics. The feeling of pride, the highs of victory, and the indelible comradeship stay with us forever. Sometimes are harder. The pain, the loneliness, the doubts, and even fears also teach lessons. Whether we win with grace or lose with dignity it is the game that really counts, both in what we put into it and the rewards we receive from it. The athletes who leave here will never be remembered by won-lost record. Rather they will be remembered by who they were, their smiles, sometimes their tears, always by their devotion and their class.

Teamwork is more than winning or losing; it is an attitude. That attitude carries over into classrooms, cafeteria, and every other walk of college life. Because, you see, you aren't just making the team better, the team has made you better in ways you may never have noticed. You, in turn, influence others and make them better. That is what athletics and teamwork is really all about — making good things happen.





"Being part of a winning softball program gives me a sense of pride and makes me try harder to become better."

Jennifer Satterwhite
Physical Education

"Basketball means everything to me. It has given me a free education and kept me out of trouble and I've learned responsibility."

Komawi Hinton
Social Services



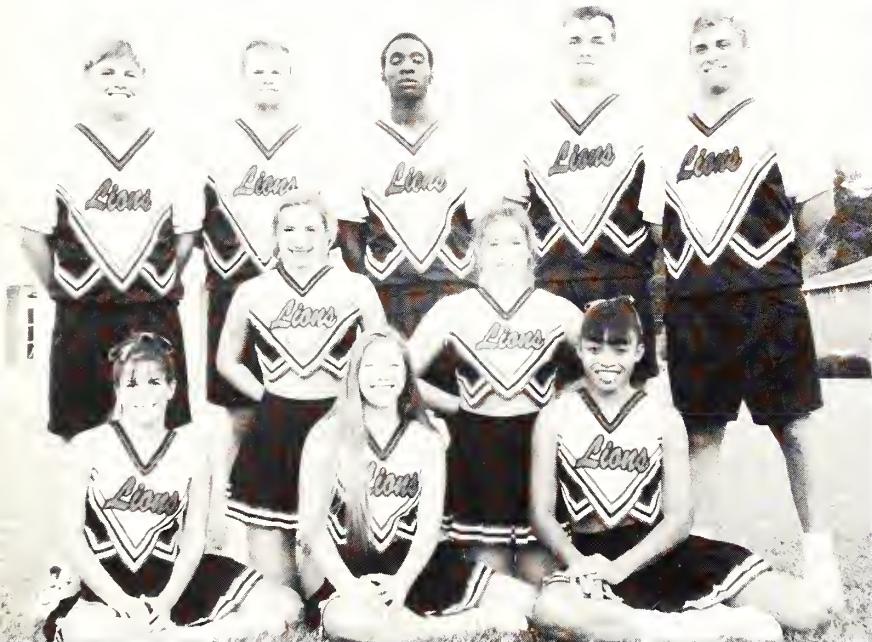
"Baseball is a very important game to many. It's a way of living. It's a game of competition and a way to build confidence in yourself."

Jonathan Copeland
Landscaping Architect

Sports Division

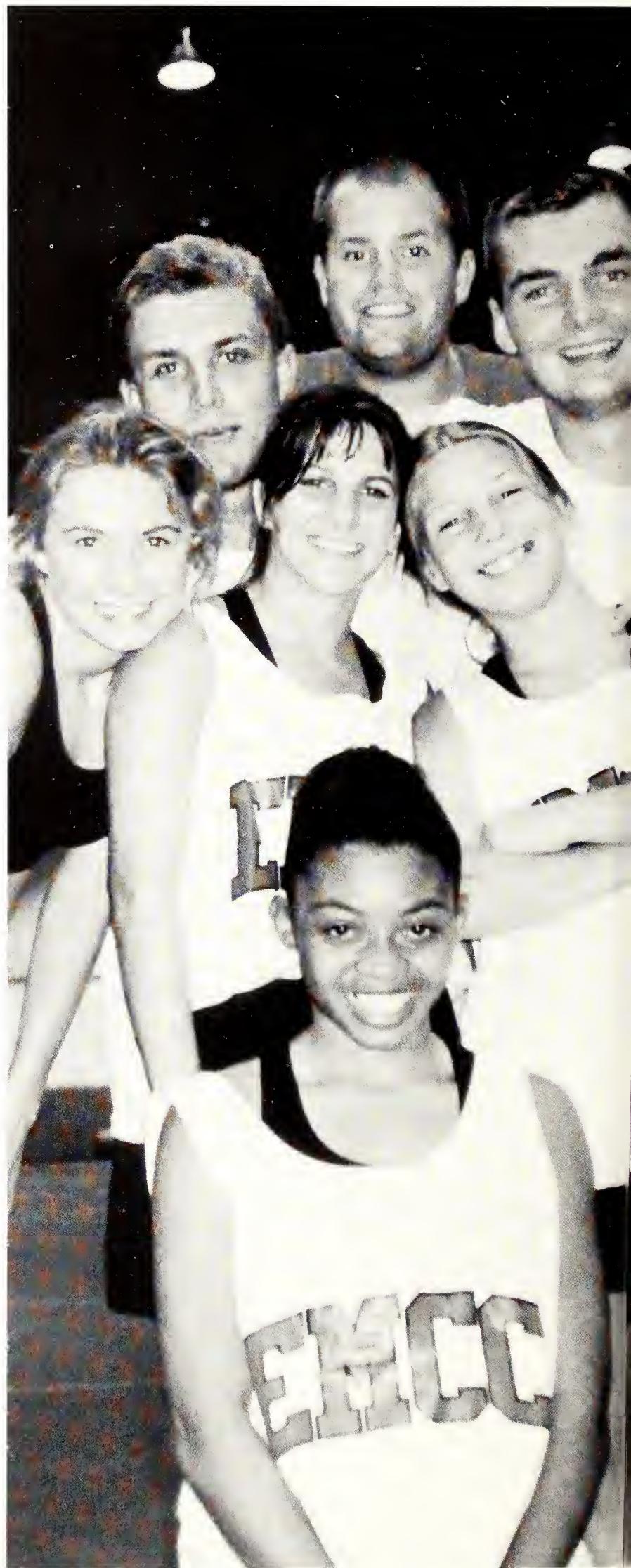
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The Mascot for the Lion's this year is Monique Morgan.



1996-1997 EMCC cheerleading squad standing from (l to r) Carlton Watt, James Stennis, Nick Turner, Chad Ingram, and Tommy Jarvis. Kneeling: Jody Baker and Deanna Frazier. Sitting: Summer Stephens, Monica Lowenstein, and Erica Williams.

Over the summer, the cheerleaders attended a cheerleading camp. These were (l to r) Jody Baker, Tommy Jarvis, James Stennis, Chad Ingram, Monica Lowenstein, Summer Stephens, and Erica Williams.





Keeping the Spirit EMCC Cheerleaders

"Who are you rooting for?" is a question that can be heard when the cheerleaders are cheering. The cheers are accompanied with smiles and enthusiasm from the audience. Cheerleading camp this summer was the first time for the guys and girls to get to know one another. The camp took lots of hard work and the cheerleaders learned a lot. Cheerleading takes lots of dexterity, stamina, and energy. The cheerleaders cheer at all of the football games and at all home basketball games.

Leading the Squad

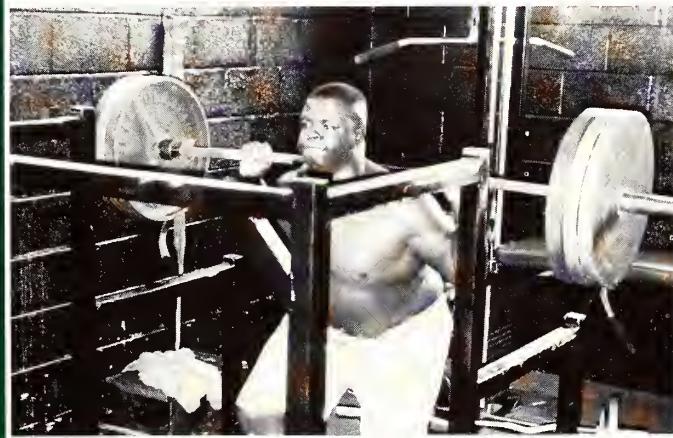


EMCC cheerleaders could not make it without the leadership of their sponsor, Trisha Wannamaker and head cheerleader, Summer Stephens. It takes many hours of tough training to make the squad a success. Mrs. Wannamaker takes time out for lunch with Mrs. Bryan.

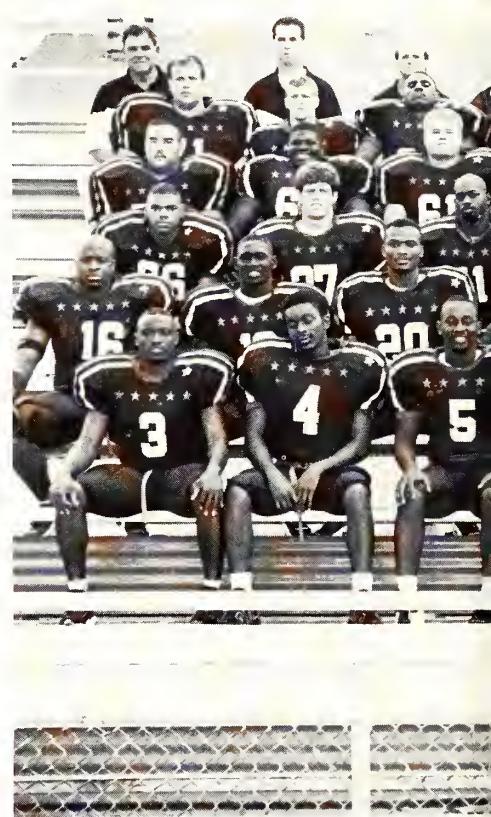
Making the Lions Roar in '96

Hard Work is the Key to Success

Practice is the biggest part of football players life from August until early November. As the first players of the team began to arrive, they had to adapt themselves to another level of football and a new way of life. From morning chalk talks to the practice field and back again, the teams entire life in early August was football. All of the hard work paid off for the Lions as they compiled an 8-2 record, the best in many years. This year's Lion coaching staff had one more post season game. They all coach the North squad in the North-South All-Star game in Booneville. Many members of the Lion Football team were selected to play in this classic.



Robert Clay is working out to try and get ready for the upcoming season.



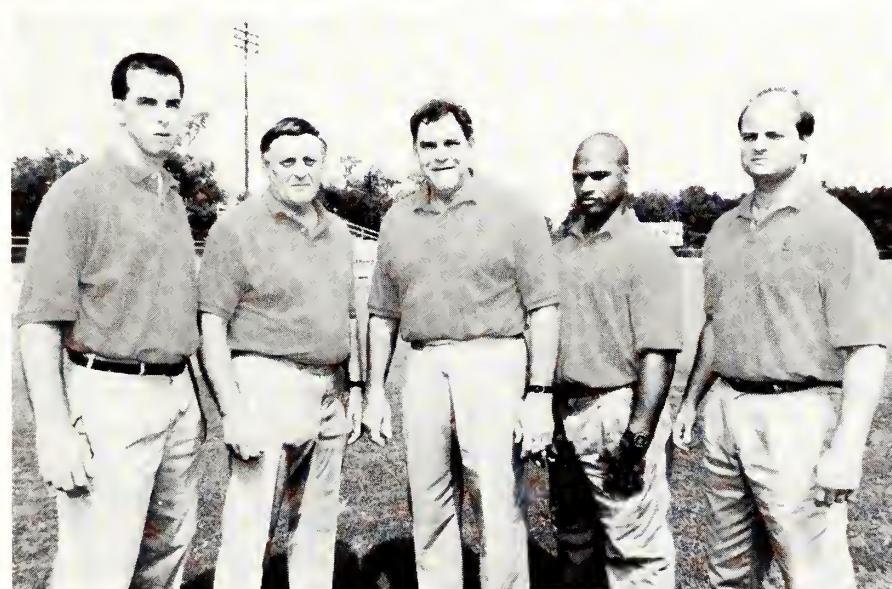


1996 EMCC LIONS FOOTBALL TEAM

1st Row (L-R) D. Green, M. Poindexter, A. Smith, J. Collins, F. Peters, T. Akins, S. Fair, T. Conner, C. Rice. 2nd Row: J. Davis, C. McClelland, Q. Jackson, J. Johnson, C. Temple, M. Gordon, T. Keyes, F. Frazier, A. Frazier, K. Brown. 3rd Row: M. Bailey, W. Hillman, D. Foreman, R. Bush, C. Irby, T. Serton, T. Ruffin, R. Gibbs, D. Johnson. 4th Row: D. Smith, T. Jones, T. Whitmore, T. Hannah, C. Cross, N. Smith, C. Rew, W. Sterling, . Black. 5th Row: S. Carter, C. McClelland, G. Hurt, T. Smith, D. Fears, T. Knight, M. Samuels, C. Nichols. 6th Row: Head Coach Tom Goode, Asst. Coaches Tommy Moore, Trac Baughn, David Landrum; Film Person, and Kenny Linningham Film Person, Charles Banks, Philandis Bevil, Kenyatta McNeese, Tim Colbert; Trainer and Asst. Coaches S.E. Sullins and Shelton Gandy.



Head football manager Kenyatta McNeese and assistants Kenny Linningham, Philandis Bevill, and Charles Banks



EMCC Football coaches (L to R); Assistant Coaches: Tommy Moore, S.E. Sullins, Head Coach Tom Goode, Assistant Coaches: Shelton Gandy and Trac Baughn.



Coach Goode and Assistant Coach Gandy continue to repeat the plays to make sure the players know their positions and moves.

More than a Winning Season

Hard working team and a supportive crowd

THE WINNING COMBINATION

Most football teams dream of an undefeated season; and then there are those teams that consider a 6-5 season as successful. Instead, Coach Tom Goode and his staff take pride in steering the Lions to an 8-2 season, the best since 1969. Head Coach Tom Goode stated,

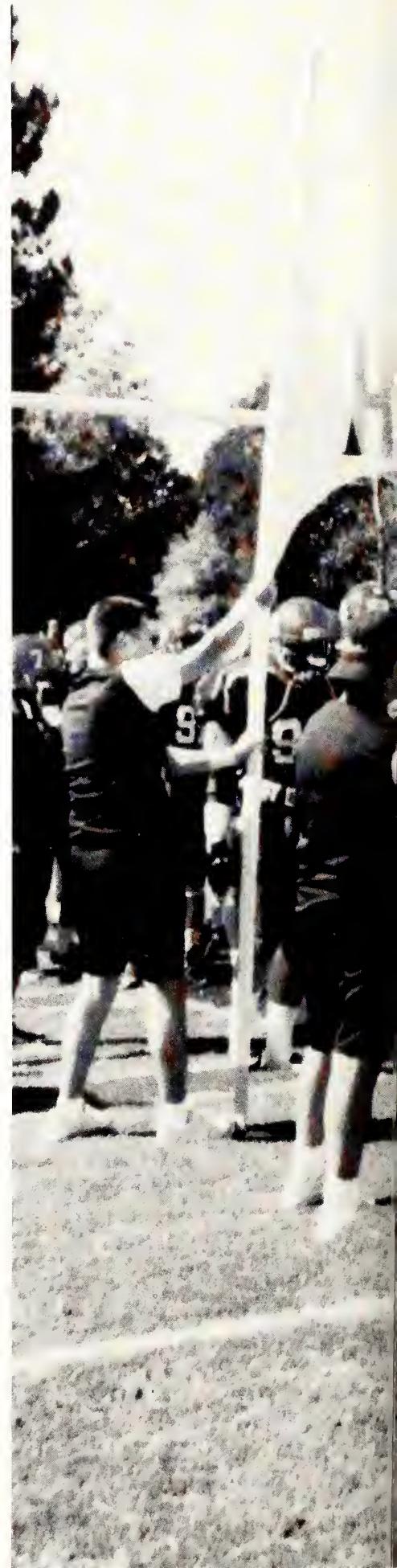
"My staff and I are proud of our team and we appreciate those who supported us." It took good team leadership,

Coach Goode stated, "My staff and I are proud of our team and we appreciate those who supported us!"

hard work and the dedication of all involved. The success of this year's squad can be traced back to August when the ground work was

then being laid for this memorable season.

Practicing in the August and September heat, memorizing plays and going through offensive and defensive drills accomplished the goal, a successful season. Only through dedication and hard work are achievements made on the field of play and in life.





The EMCC Lion Defense made the big plays in the Homecoming game against the Northeast Community College Tigers from Booneville.

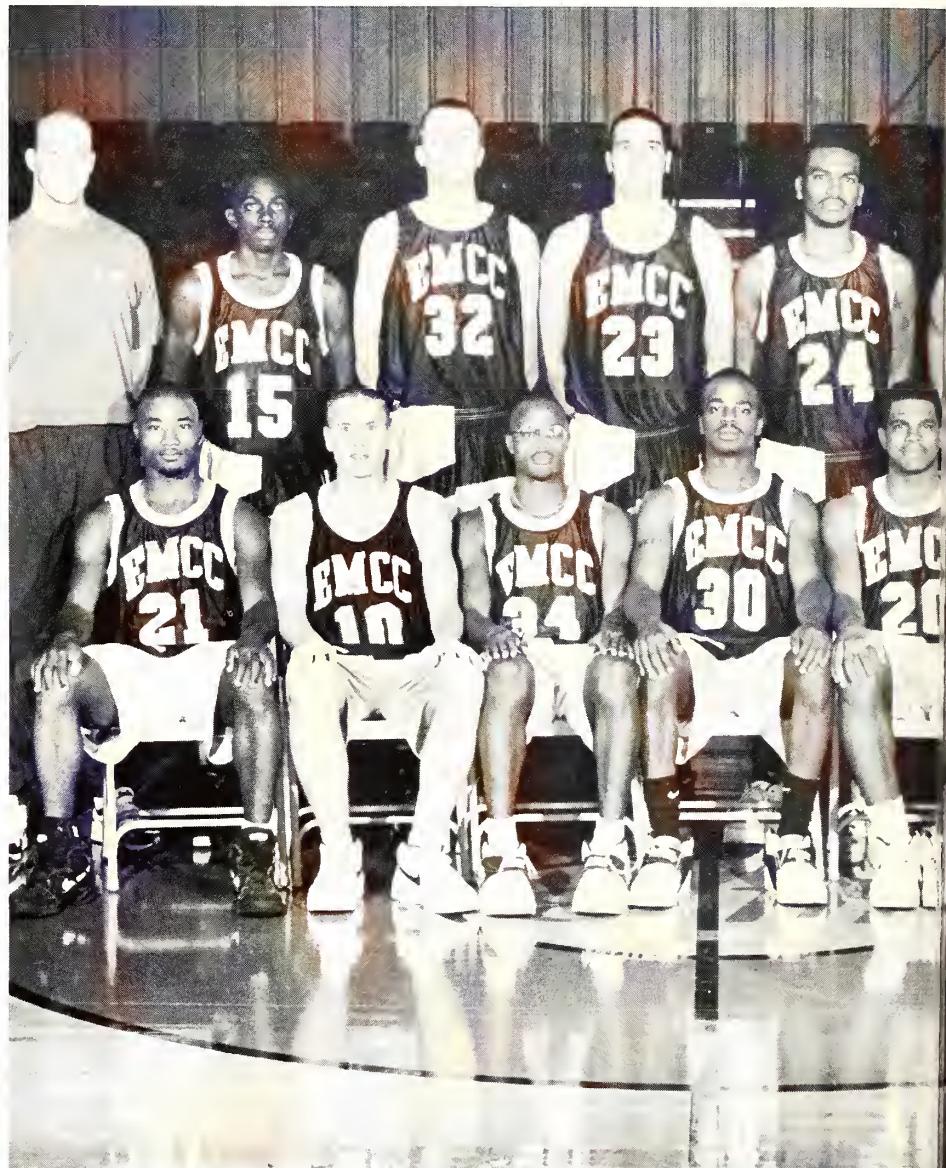


Tommorion Knight does more than his job on the field by helping the referees in signaling a touch down for the Lions against the Northwest Community College Rangers from Seantobia.

The EMCC Lions come busting through the sign prepared to take on their Homecoming foe, the Northeast Tigers.

The Lions: Front row L to R: Rapheal Gandy, Corey Taylor, John Outlaw, Wes McDonald, Willie Whitehead, Terrence Sykes, and Matthew Rye. Back Row L to R. Tim Colbert-trainer, John Brown, Kenneth Barnes, Bruno Borja, Torrey Walker, Sean Stallings, Ricardo Fielder, not pictured Mark McMillan and Head Coach Steve Hull

Two points for the EMCC Lions!



Let's Go Team!

Coach Hull and the bench give
approval for another Lions shot.

Lions battle on the glass.



Scoring with MEN'S BASKETBALL Making the Points

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were try-

ing times
for head Basketball
Coach Steve Hull

and his Lion team.

They opened up
the season with
but they roared
their remaining

found North Division play to be a challenge. Facing one tough opponent after another, the Lions continued to fight back. Coach Hull and his men played hard in each game throughout the rest of the season.

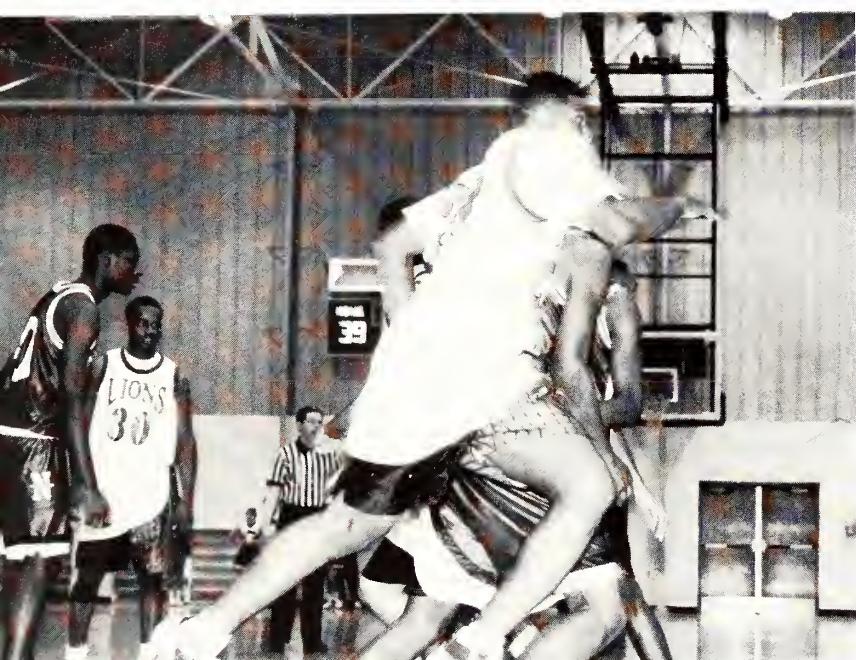


The Lions warm up for another game.
Coach Hull required players to
warm up before practice.

heartbreaking losses
back to life against
opponents. The team



Lions quickly get back on defense.



Lions react quickly to keep the game close.

Bruno Borja makes his jump shot against Jones Community College.





PLAYING IT TOUGH

Striving Towards the Goal

The Basketball Lions showed toughness and competitiveness throughout the season. Our team was motivated and determined to play hard in each of their games. This season was especially important to graduating sophomores Bruno Borja, Ricardo Fielder, Wes McDonald, and Mark McMillan. Regardless of this season's outcome or how well EMCC played in the North Division Tournament, the contributions made by these sophomores will remain with them forever.

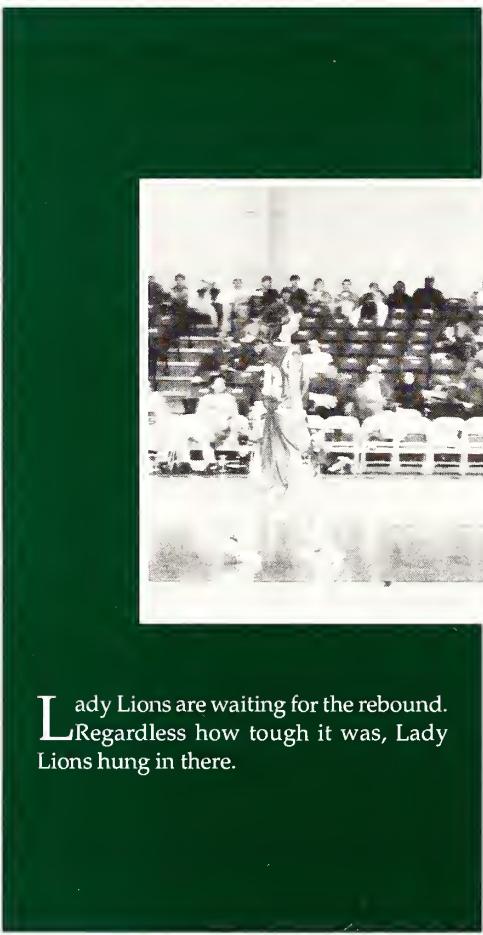


Pressing On

The Lions continued to compete in every game forcing their opponents to play their best. Coach Hull's team were always determined to play tough.

Hanging Tough With WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Never Giving Up

Women's Head Basketball Coach Dale Peay's 1996-97 edition of the East Mississippi Community College many hardships year. With three from last year's

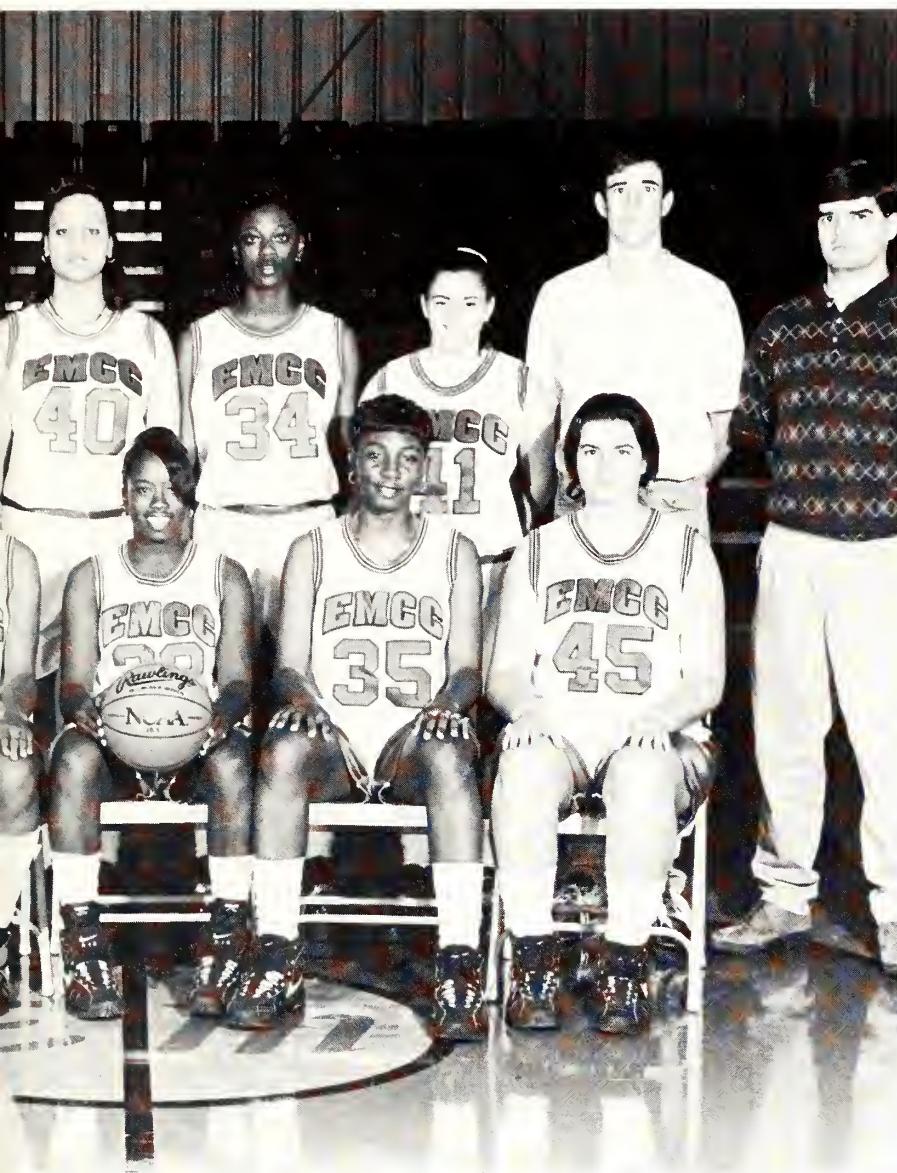


Lady Lions are waiting for the rebound. Regardless how tough it was, Lady Lions hung in there.

Lady Lions faced many hardships this returning starters squad, Coach Peay

Coach Peay hoped his squad would improve with each game. Competition in North Division play was much tougher this season. As the season wore on, the Lady Lions faced each team with the determination to give it their best shot. Although the competition got tougher and tougher, the Lady Lions continued to claw their way through the grueling season.





The Lady Lions, Michele Eldridge, Komawi Hinton, Kim Johnson, Ginger Jones, and Sirena Spotts. Back row L to R. Head Coach Dale Peay, Bradley Harris, Marie McDade, Lavonne Jenkins, Nicole Dancy, Torie O'Brian, David Hester, and Brent Harris.

Komawi Hinton shuts free throws after being fouled.



Sirena Spotts plays her best against Northwest C.C.

Coach Peay looks on as his Lady Lions Chang tough.



The Lady Lions listen as Coach Peay gives them a few tips during time-out.

TOUGHING IT OUT

Making the Mark

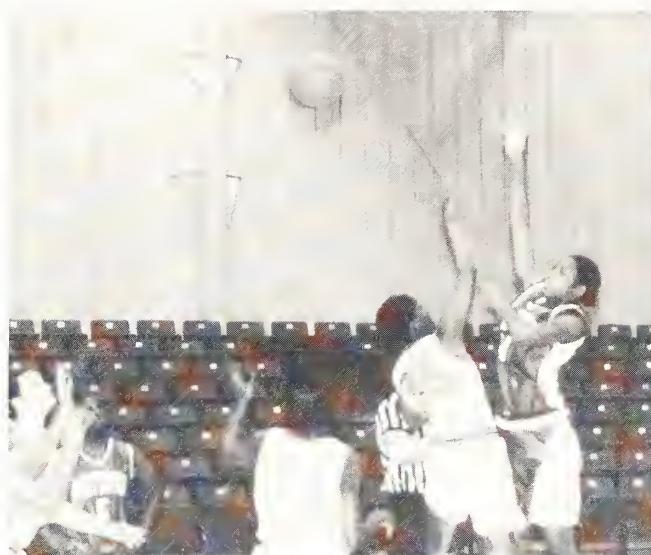
Lady Lions faced many hardships. Regardless of the season's outcome the sophomore Lady Lions; Michele Eldridge, Komawi Hinton, Kim Johnson, Ginger Jones, and Sirena Spotts will remember their two years of basketball at EMCC. The Lady Lions faced many hardships. Although the girls did not have the season they prepared for, they continued to practice hard and met each opponent with determination. The sophomore players will always remember Coach Dale Peay's determination and hard work.

Coach Peay gives last second instructions. Coach Peay worked hard this year to keep this team competitive. The Lady Lions continued to fight hard throughout the season.





Komawi Hinton
shoots her second
free throw against
Northwest C.C.



Ginger Jones jumps
high against North-
west.

Ginger, Nicole, Time-
ka, and Komawi
block Northwest while
waiting for the rebound.

Diamond Lion Team, Back Row L-R: Trainer Tim Colbert, Asst. Coach Lane Burroughs, J. Posey, G. Ashford, B. Harris, K. Bolden, M. Diamond, J. Cockrell, J. Wood, S. Johnson, B. Wilson, M. Gentry, J. Murphy, Manager B. Haines, and Head Coach Bill Baldner. Kneeling L-R: M. Atkins, L. West, M. Tate, B. West, J. Copeland, T. Palmer, R. Raynor, J. Miller, A. Brown, T. Warren, T. Hampton, C. Denunzio, and V. Harris. Front and center is team mascot: Chubbs



Diamond Lions waiting their turn for batting practice of hitting and bunting.



Coach Bill Baldner pitches to his team members during practice.

Head coach Bill Baldner and his 1996 All-Stars from last season. Brodie West, Andy Brown, Justin Posey, Chad Denunzio and Jeff Murphy.

Lane Burroughs, Assistant Baseball Coach, Jimmy Cockrell and Jeff Wood observe a player in the batting cage.

Diamond Lions

Counting on Sophomores

The Diamond Lions, under 12th year Head Coach Bill Baldner, hope to rebound from a disappointing season which saw the team fail for the first time in many years to qualify for the region 23 post season play. With an improved

pitching staff and sophomore leadership, the Lions will try to reestablish their post season habits. The addition of assistant coach Lane Burroughs, a Mississippi College stand out, adds more enthusiasm and competitive fire to the Lions this season. Thanks to Coach Baldner with Ashley Robinson assisting, a new wooden outfield fence now dresses up Gerald Poole Field. The 1997 season brings with it the hopes for a return to the excitement and tradition of baseball.



Diamond Girls, Jody Baker and Monica Lowenstein, keep the books and have many other responsibilities helping Coaches Baldner and Lane Burroughs with the team responsibilities.



Diamond Lion Co-Captains Andy Brown and Justin Posey.



Out of state Diamond Lions: Jimmy Cockrell — Birmingham, Al., Jonathan Copeland — Gadsden, Al., Justin Posey — Franklinton, La., Chad Denunzio — Reading, Pa., Matt Diamond — Mobile, Al., and not pictured Paco McLaughlin — LaFayette, La.

Batting and fielding is a vital part of daily practice for the EMCC Diamond Lions under the watchful eye of Head Coach Bill Baldner.

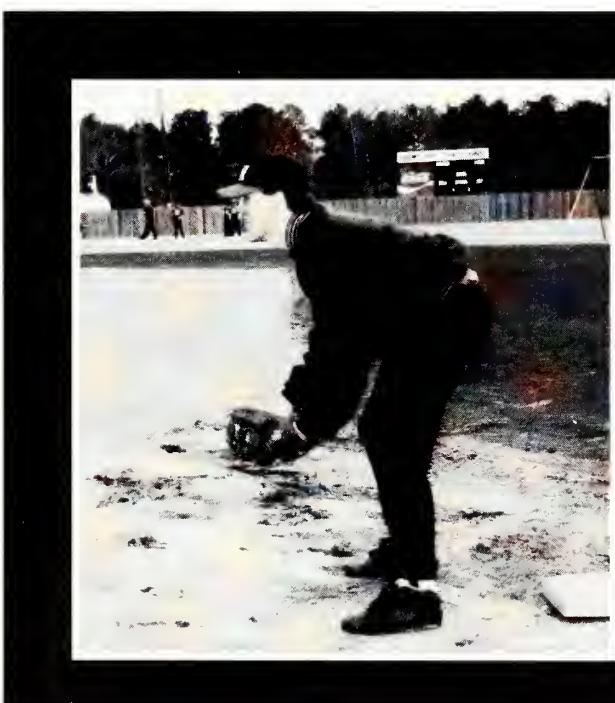




Diamond Sophomores

Can Make it Happen

Head Coach Bill Baldner is looking to his sophomores for some help this year. Coach Baldner hopes the sophomores will step up and provide the leadership needed to be winners. Coach believes that sophomores should be leaders on and off the field. The key to success this year lies with sophomores Andy Brown, Jimmy Cockrell, Chad Denunzio, Justin Posey, Jeff Wood, Byron Harris, Jeff Murphey, Brodie West and Tim Warren. He hopes that these "Super Sophs" will contribute more at the plate. The Lions are expected to be faster on the bases and better on the mound. Graduation cost the Lions losses of key players. Coach Baldner hopes that the sophomores of 1997 will make it happen for the Diamond Lions.



Practice can be Tiresome

Practice begins on those cold January afternoons with overcast skies and biting winds. Even though it is called a spring sport the bitter days of January and February make the beginning of the season seem like a distant dream. Byron Harris enjoys giving a great deal of effort to help his team.

Lady Lions Softball

Making Bigger Things Happen

The Lady Lions softball team distinguished themselves last year with a hard fought season culminating in a trip to the Region 23 tournament. Coach Tommy Cade has high hopes this season for a repeat performance and even higher accomplishments. Several key sophomores players return, and with the addition of some talented freshmen this could be a big year for the Lady Lions. The revival of the softball program two years ago has brought about successes far beyond anyone's expectations. The crowds are large and the enthusiasm is at a high pitch for home softball games. This year the fans should have even more to cheer about.



Angel Green attempts to make an out at first base, during one of the practices for the Lady Lion Softball team.





Lady Lion Softball Team: Back row L-R: K. Coode, T. Hudnal, K. Higginbotham, K. Edwards, C. Black, M. Eldridge, M. Howard, S. Bunyard and Head Coach Tommy Cade. Front Row L-R: S. Stephens, B. Coleman, T. O'Brien, A. Green, and J. Satterwhite. Kneeling: L-R R. Gillis, I. Bryan, and J. Murray.

Sophomores Kim Coode and Carey Black were selected to serve as Co captains for this year's squad.



Women's Softball Coach, Tommy Cade, gets practice under way hitting the ball to his players in the field while Summer Stephens catches.

Jonathan Murray, Robert Ellis, and Ivan Bryan serve as this years managers.



Kamilah Edwards made a super catch while Higginbotham looks on.

Working Together Makes a Winning Team

The freshman softball players from last year's team, 1996, experienced a once in a lifetime opportunity by playing in the Region 23 tournament. Now that the girls are sophomores they want to build on last seasons success by once again going to the state and region play and then in the Nationals in Georgia. Coach Tommy Cade is counting on his sophomores, Kim Coode, Tracy Hudnall, Komawi Hinton, Carey Black, Michele Eldridge, Sonya Bunyard, Summer Stephens and Jennifer Satterwhite to make this happen. They want to build on last seasons success.

Hard Work Will Pay Off

Brandi Coleman believes hard work at practice makes a promising season happen for women's softball. Last year few gave the softball team a chance of a successful season. The team made their season successful by going to the state tournament in Meridian.





Kendrick Higginbotham prepares to slam one into left field where Carey Black is positioned.



Carey Black finishes her laps around the field before practice begins.

Head Coach Tommy Cade and his All-Stars, Kamilah Edwards and Carey Black from the 1996 squad.

EMCC Linters: Head Coach Tommy Moore, Corey Taylor, Ben Hailey, and Kenneth "Tex" Barnes.

Golf Coach Tommy Moore gives pointers to his team.



Ben Hailey on the practice tee.



Corey, Ben, and Tex sharing a light moment with Coach Moore.



Corey Taylor from Melbourne, Australia.

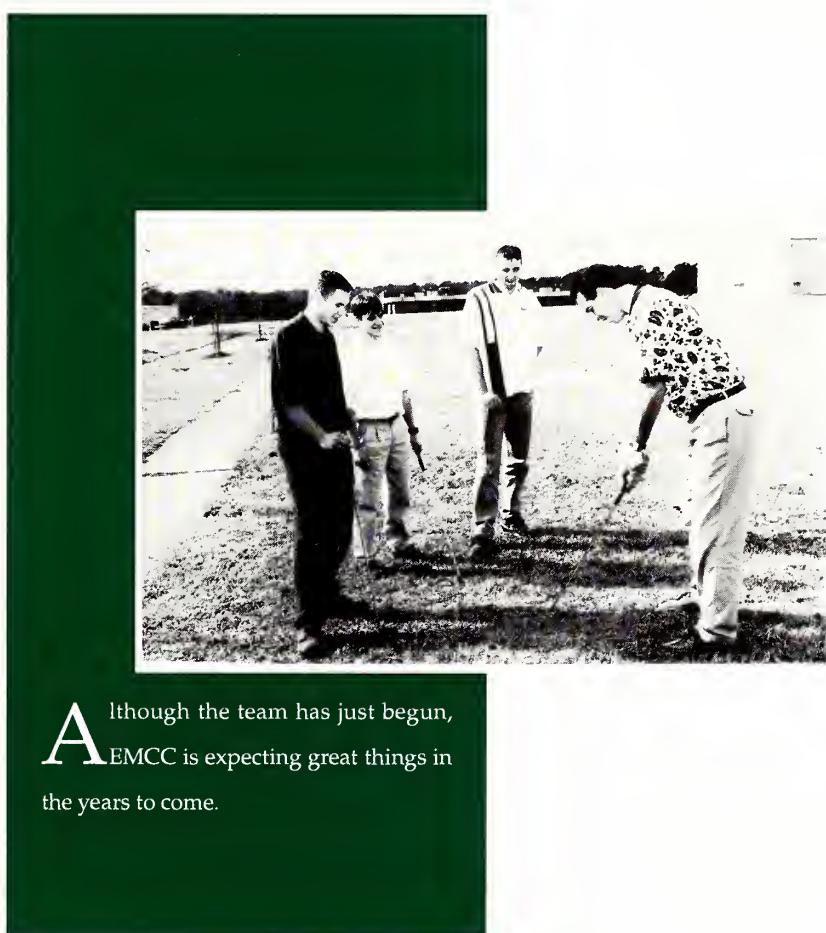




Lion Linksters

Ready to Compete

The Lion Linksters, under Coach Tommy Moore, start their second year of competition after a hiatus of more than two decades for the golf program. The Lion home course is the 18 hole Meridian Naval Air Station Ponta Creek layout. The team competes in four tournaments during the Spring season and practices several times weekly on their home course. Last season Lion golfer Jonathan Herrington missed out on the national tournament at Pine Hurst, North Carolina by only two strokes on the final round of the state tournament. The 1997 team has high hopes of making it happen by improving in their overall competition from last year.



Although the team has just begun, EMCC is expecting great things in the years to come.

Things Don't Just Happen



East Mississippi Community College offers many different vocational and technical programs which provide students with hands-on training. Each of these programs make it happen in a unique field of study. The training facilities are modern and equipped with the most up-to-date technology. Students are taught by qualified instructors who truly care about them. Each student has the opportunity for a one-on-one relationship with his or her instructor. Students are known by their name and not by a number, unlike at larger colleges. Instructors work with each student on an individual basis.

The programs prepare students for the future in not only educationally but also emotionally. The teacher gives instruction on both an educational level and on a interpersonal level. The instructors prepare students of how the "real world" workforce is, and how each student will come to face difficult situations. Students learn through trial and error in the work force how to pull all of their interpersonal skills to make things happen for them. As a result of being in different programs each student is able to go out into the workforce fully trained educationally, emotionally, and interpersonally.

At East Mississippi Community College students grow tremendously in all aspects of their life. Students leave knowing that they will make things happen in the workforce, through such a firm foundation of programs and excellent instruction. Students leave East Mississippi Community College feeling competent and confident in aspects of their life.





"EMCC is one of the finest institutions. The programs prepare students for the job market."

Arvis Lawson
Computer Programming



"EMCC has been a great asset in my life, and the programs just make things come together."

Lavon Kinard
Sports Medicine



"EMCC is an excellent college. Business Technology has been preparing me for the business world of tomorrow."

Jennifer Green
Office Systems

Programs Division

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DEDICATION

Dr. Virgil Warren

This one's for you ... for your timeless efforts

Each day, from early morning until late evening, this man runs the academic division of East Mississippi Community College, including two campuses and three busy extension centers. Dr. Virgil Warren has served our institution since 1989. He was a math and science instructor from 1989-90 and served as instructor and acting dean 1991-92. In 1993 he became the full time Academic Dean. Prior to coming to EMCC, he taught and later served as an Academic Dean for 31 years in Alabama. Needless to say, he has served and touched thousands of lives through education.

In spite of his cumbersome responsibility of supervising classes and faculty, he always has time to talk and listen to faculty and students. He is

always willing to fight battles on their behalf. He also manages to find time for his wife Joyce and their five children, Carol, Emily, Beth, Meg, and John. In addition to his college responsibilities, he is a valuable leader in his church and community.

"I feel that Dr. Warren has helped to turn our institution in a positive direction. His diligence and dedication has been an inspiration to all of us who follow him. He is truly a great leader."

Larry Salter — Counselor and Psychology Instructor

"He demonstrates a deep concern for students by keeping up with problems that may happen."

Juana Harris — English Major

"Dr. Warren is highly respected among faculty and students. His willingness to listen and give support goes beyond the norm."

Lucy Hull — Economics and Government Instructor

"He is a good man and helps students with problems that may happen dealing with their major field."

Lance Jenkins — Computer Engineering

"He is a very fair person willing to work with you in the workplace and your classes."

Martha Taylor — English Instructor

institution forward. You have been an inspiration to all faculty, staff, administration and students of the EMCC family.





Dr. Warren enjoys the Homecoming game and the festivities with the company of his family.



Dr. Warren gives Mrs. Ezelle some advice. He is always there to support his faculty and staff.

Dr. Warren is a man who is kind and sincere yet stern and focused on the institution's mission of serving our community.

Library Update

Many New Things Happening at the Library

The library's work is never-ending. Thanks to the EMCC Board Members' commitment to library improvement, many great things are happening for students on both the Golden Triangle Campus and the Scooba Campus. This year more funds were available to purchase what the students needed for their education and learning enjoyment. The library has made great strides in many areas: acquiring Infotrac, videos, almost 1,000 new books, and several more books awaiting processing and cataloging for circulation. The EMCC staff contributed to collection evaluation, some spending many hours in the stacks pulling out old and out-dated books ... over 660 of them ... to be discarded. Faculty also compiled lists of materials to order. They poured over various book company catalogs, reading descriptions and reviews and made decisions about what to purchase. They have been asked to continue recommending purchases throughout the entire year, and many faculty continue to do so.

Both libraries have also begun offering tutoring services in various subjects. The Golden Triangle library now employs a full-time clerk, and three work-study students. The library of old is gone. An electronic security system is in place, and automation is coming. No day is like another; each day is different in the library.





Mr. Brown lends a hand in to helping a student use the library on the computer in library.

Library workstudy students give librarians the extra hand they need to keep the library going operating smoothly.



Mrs. Bowers gives her students a guiding hand with their studies.

Students, as well as instructors use the library to finish class work.



Study buddies, Jeff Collier, Ramirez Williams, and Bradley Harris are able to combine their knowledge to get the project completed.

Mrs. Huerkamp is also a study buddy helping Amy Jenkins with her Spanish.



Roosevelt Gibbs and Linda Gandy solving a problem in computer concepts.

Susie Tullis and Tonya Hudnall work together on a brain teaser in Leadership class.





Academic News

Let the Studying Begin

There are many benefits of studying together! These benefits apply not only for the students and faculty, but also this experience will give the students a better understanding of one another. Studying and working together help develop friendships among students and faculty that will last through the years. Faculty members also contribute their time in that most faculty members take additional time to make sure students understand assignments and material expected of them. By working and studying together, lasting friendships develop especially among faculty and students. This is evident when former students return to campus to visit faculty members that made a difference in their life. Homecoming is also a special time when former "study buddies" meet to reminisce about the years as students when they attended EMCC.



Coping with Today's Stress

Students Lean on Support Groups

Stress is a part of everyday life for everyone, but for others it is more pronounced. Being a single parent is one major contributor of stress for many students. They have to deal with the stress of who will take care of their children, how the bills are going to be paid, and other various aspects of being a single parent.

Ms. Rosemary Cockrell came to the Scooba Campus and did a workshop on "Coping With the Pressures of Being a Teen Mom."

The Single Parent/Displaced Homemaker program provides assistance to single heads of households and displaced homemakers enrolled or enrolling in vocational/technical training. These support services are offered on the Scooba and Golden Triangle campuses. Networking with campus and community-based organizations provides qualified students access to support services for obtaining housing and other needs.

Mrs. Leslie Lee Priester conducted a workshop at the Scooba Campus on "Domestic Violence." This workshop provided helpful information on dealing with the pressures of being beaten by a spouse or a parent and not being able to talk to others about it. Hopefully by attending this workshop, students learned to cope with domestic violence and rise above it.

There are numerous advantages to becoming a member of this support group. Many just meet to have a good time with food and fellowship.

The girls on the Scooba campus have formed a "Breakfast Bunch" to begin many days with positive support. Fannie Anthony, a member from the GT Campus, recently said, "Being a member of the Single Parent Displaced Homemaker program had given me great opportunities, provided motivation, allowed me to be able to talk to others, and relieved stress."

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Mrs. Leslie Lee Priester, from the Care Lodge, helped members deal with the stress of Domestic Violence by conducting a workshop.



Santa brings gifts to children of Single Parents at EMCC "Christmas with the Kids" sponsored by the Displaced Homemaker Program and Student Christian Fellowship.

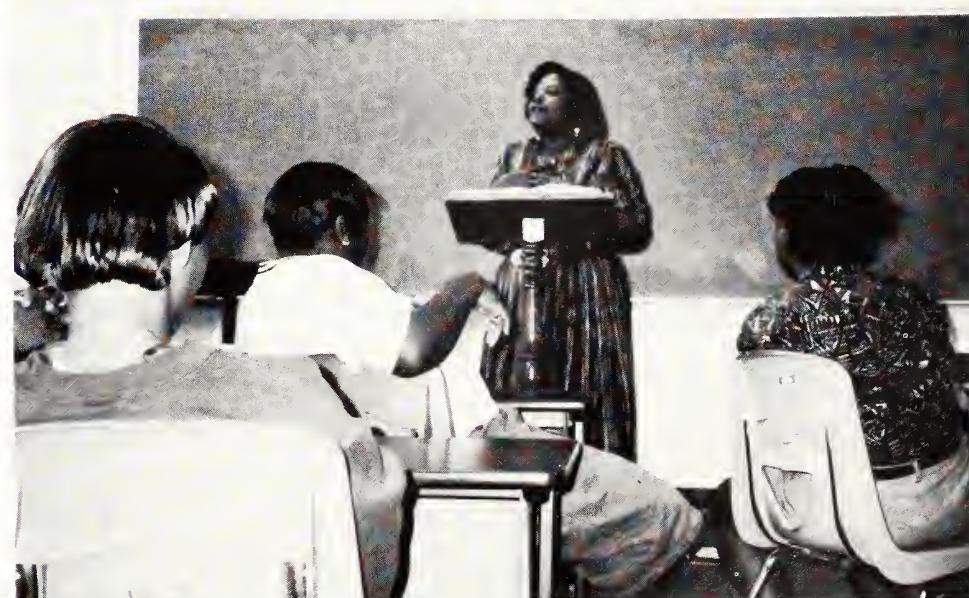


Alherta, Kim, and Kathy are taking a break after a Stress Management seminar.

Carol Warren has dressed up as a clown to divert the children's attention that have shown up for the screening for Pre-school.



Rosemary Cockrell gives a speech at the Teen Mom's Conference that was to teach them about how to cope with pressures of being a teen mom.



Tommy Cagle, an instrumentation major, and Aaron Miles, a electronics both were rewarded for passing the Advanced Placement tests which enabled them to receive credit for bypassing a computer class.



Latonya Malone, a business technology student, is listening to the phone in machine transcription class.

Angela Edwards, a business technology student, is paying close attention to what her teacher is saying.



Connie Williamson, a business technology student, is also diligently working in her machine transcription class.



Catch the Vision of TECH PREP

East Mississippi Community college's students are preparing for tomorrow's high skill careers. Tech Prep's ambitious vision is to help them succeed in a world where rapid change is the rule, not the exception. The goal is for ALL students to become proficient learners, competitive workers, and responsible citizens.

Tech Prep combines strong secondary and postsecondary education to prepare students for the careers of the 21st century. The purpose of Tech Prep is to make Mississippi more competitive in the world economy by developing the academic and occupational skills of all segments of the student population. Tech Prep prepares students to enter full-time employment or to pursue postsecondary and higher education options.

Articulation, one of the most important

elements of Tech Prep, is the cooperative planning between East Mississippi Community College and schools within its district. The articulation process makes it possible to coordinate the development of planned coursework for students. This saves students time and money and reduces costs for taxpayers.

A student who has taken specific vocational/technical and/or academic courses in high school may earn credit in one or more of these East Mississippi Community College departments:

Business/Marketing Tech
Administrative Support Services Tech
Microcomputer Information Processing
Marketing Management Tech
Health/Human Services Tech
Practical Nursing
Engineering/Industrial Tech
Drafting & Design Tech
Electrical Tech
Electronics Tech
Instrumentation Tech
Agriculture & Natural Resources
Forestry

Technical Placement (ATP) is a special part of the Tech Prep initiative which enables qualified high school students to earn college credit at East Mississippi Community College. The purposes are to: reduce overlapping between high school and college programs; and enable students who do well in high

school courses to save time, money, and/or to carry lighter course loads in their first term of studies at East Mississippi Community College.

GT and Scooba Connected in **Business**



Mrs. Calloway is always there to lend a helping hand when you need it the most.



Mrs. Cherry is teaching students how to file papers, so she knows that they will be ready to file on the job.



Mrs. Cherry likes to help students when they are working hard to finish projects that are due.

Business Technology is a two-year curriculum designed to prepare graduates for employment in business, industry, and government organizations that use microcomputers to process and manage information. The business technology curriculum is offered on both the Golden Triangle Campus and the Scooba Campus. On the Golden Triangle Campus students can major in Administrative Support Services of Microcomputer Information Processing. Students on the Scooba Campus can choose to major in either Microcomputer Information Processing or Accounting Management. Each major requires a technical core of 35 semester hours, 12 to 15 semester hours in the major area, and a minimum of 11 semester hours of academic courses. The associate of Applied Science degree is earned upon the successful completion of this curriculum. Successful completion of the first year of this program entitles a student to receive an Office Assistant Vocation Certificate. Marilyn Doolittle and Zelma Fulgham are the instructors on the Golden Triangle Campus. Patricia Calloway and Wynelia Cherry are the instructors on the Scooba Campus.



Keying into the World of **Business**

Program components include a variety of courses designed to provide extensive training in: effective human relations; oral and written communications; time management, work organization, office management , and the use of technology in the office. Word processing, spreadsheet applications, database management, and desktop publishing skills and concepts are developed and presented using the latest software being used by business in our service area. Software currently used includes WordPerfect 5.1 for DOS, WordPerfect 6.0 and 6.1 for windows, Word, dBASE, Access 2.0 for windows, Lotus 1-2-3 for DOS, Lotus 1-2-3-4 release, Excel 5.0 for windows, PageMaker, CorelDRAW, and Powerpoint. Students also receive training in computerized accounting.



Business technology students help each other out when they're having difficulty making their computers work for them.



Group studying for business technology student help them achieve their goals a lot faster.

Sometimes students need that extra boost from each other to get the assignment done effectively.

LaTonya, Verdria, Levore, and Cassandra are working hard together to find information out about the banking and finance world through various magazines and books found in the library.



David and Shila enjoy working together in banking and finance to better their education and improve their chance in the workforce after graduation.



Banking *on Our Future*

The Banking and Finance Technology program prepares graduates to work in financial institutions such as banks, credit unions, finance companies, and financial departments of businesses. The graduate will also be able to work in real estate, insurance, general business, financial management, and use spreadsheet applications. Qualified bank personnel should experience excellent and consistent employment opportunities in the next decade because to banking and finance is a vital operational component of all businesses and industries.

Levore and Latonya spend many long hours reading through magazines for research and for information in the financial world.





Lisa, Fannie, and Trena have to do many types of research for marketing class and use the library for all the information they can give.



Angie and Tobie make working at a computer seem easy but little do they know they haven't even chipped at the ice burg.

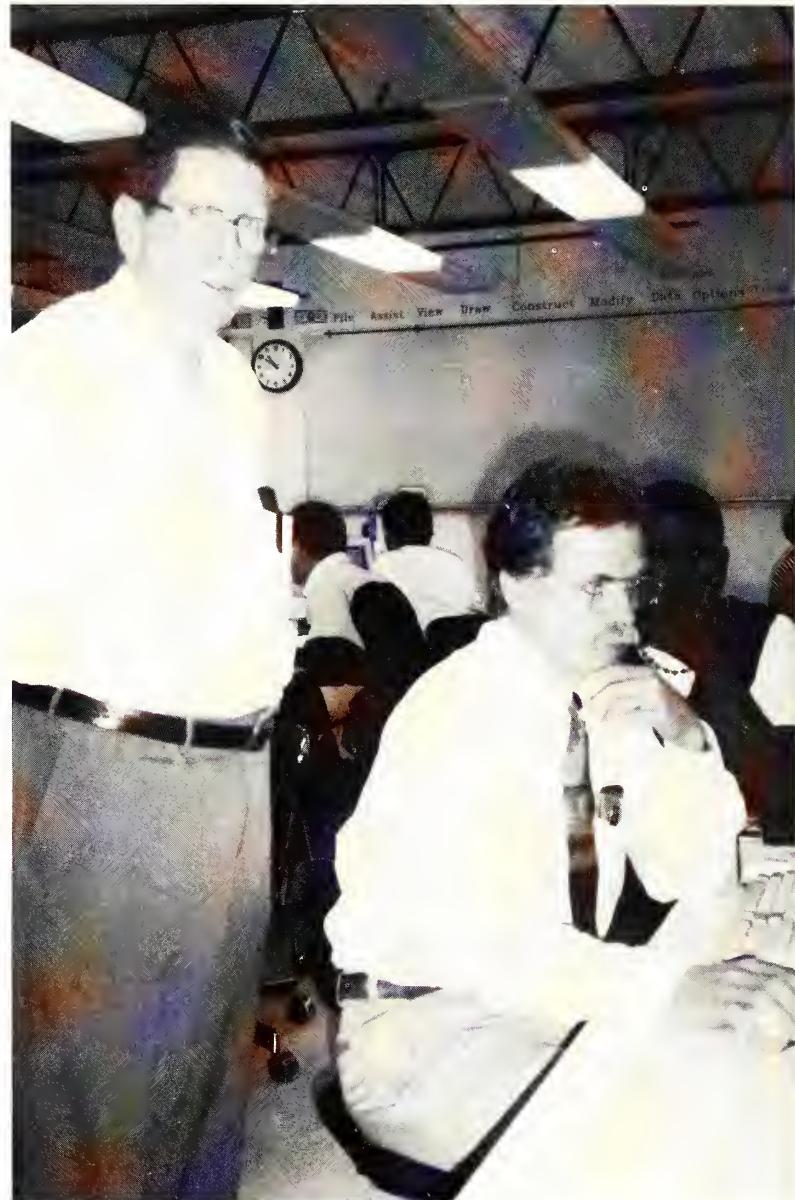


Marketing Management Technology prepares the graduate for careers in marketing research, sales, advertising, management, public relations, merchandising, and buying. The ability to plan merchandise assortment and properly display goods is essential for a manager. Students will develop these skills as well as learn to plan sales forecasts, prepare budgets, and effectively utilize various types of advertising media. Marketing research helps to determine the demand for products and services. This is vital to the success of a company. A manager must oversee all of these activities and support services in order to maintain efficiency and profitability of the business.

Tawana is printing out one of the many study guides they use for their Retail Management class and Joey is waiting for his copy.

Designing our Future Through **Drafting**

The Drafting and Design Technology curriculum prepares students for employment in technical graphical representation. The classroom training provides a sound foundation in the basis of drafting practice and is closely related to actual industry standards. The subjects taught include: Architectural drafting, machine drafting, surveying, mapping and topography, and computer-aided drafting. To meet industrial demands, computer-aided drafting is an integral part of the program. The students also receive a strong academic background to help them in learning to use recently added CAD. The CAD is a computer assisted drafting; they use the computer instead of the drawing board. This program is very closely related to the actual industry standards.

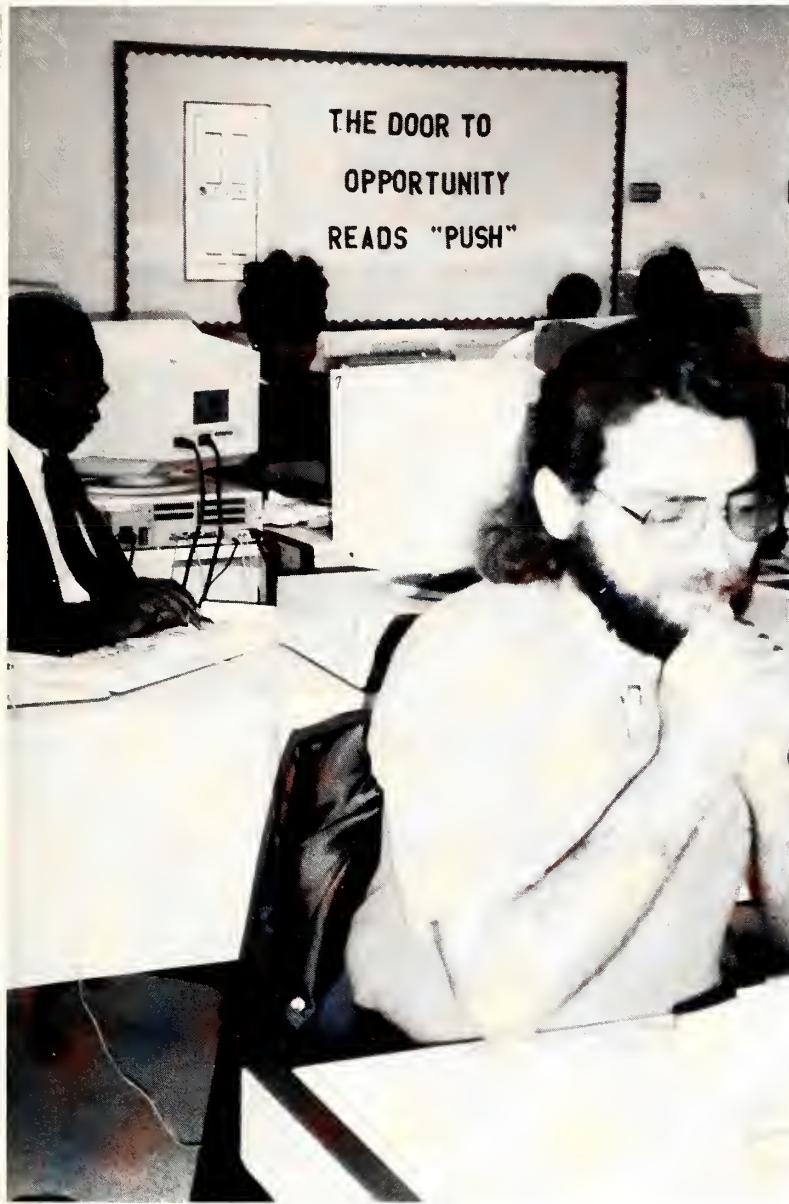


Jerry Burson is working diligently on the computer, which is a daily routine in Drafting & Design.



Jason Henderson, a drafting & design student, is working very hard to design that perfect house plan.





Online with Computer Tech

The Computer Programming Technology department offers two programs: a nine-month curriculum that leads to a Vocational Certificate in Computer Operations, and a two-year curriculum which leads to an Associate of Applied Science degree in Computer Programming Technology.

The Computer Operations program is a one-year curriculum that gives the students training in basic technical microcomputer and minicomputer skills. The program offers the opportunity of entry level positions in computer operations, database management, or electronic spreadsheet management. The curriculum satisfies the requirements for the first year of the two year program and leads to a Vocational Certificate.

Completion of the two-year curriculum leads to an Associate of Applied Science degree in computer Programming Technology. This program offers the opportunity of entry level positions in computer operations, database management, and electronic spreadsheet management.



Jennifer Slaughter and Lashekia Gavin, computer technology students, are working hard in computerized accounting class.

Luanne Massey and Ronnie Coggins use teamwork to get their classwork done in computerized accounting.

Charlie and Eric are using one of the many electronic equipment stations to practice what they have learned in class.



Jeff shows his fellow students how to read an electronic gauge, one of the many things learned in electronics.



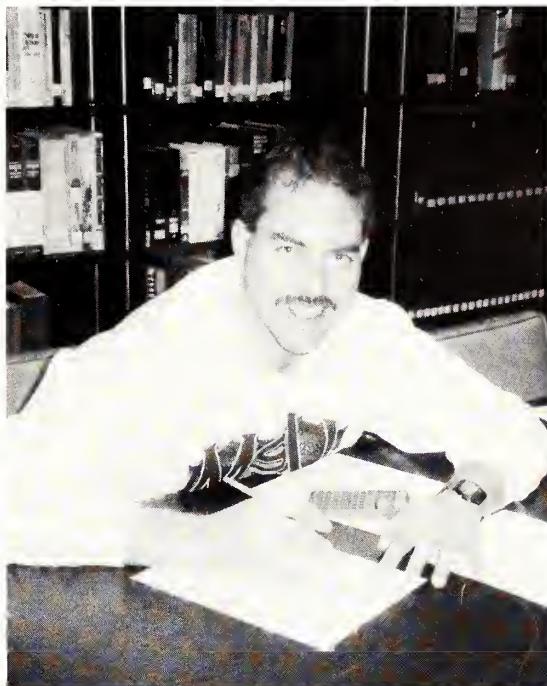
Making Connections with Electronics

The Electronics Technology program provides an opportunity to obtain a broad electronic base and is designed to prepare the graduate for employment in all areas of electronics. The program offers analog electronics, digital electronics, microprocessors, automation, and industrial electronics. The electronics laboratories are equipped with modern test equipment and training devices which enhance the development of technical skills. Laboratory exercises provide the students with practical experience and demonstrate electronics practice.

The electronics laboratory allows the students to put the skills they have learned to use. Hands-on activities give the students experience for the work field.



Alex is learning how to read the instrumentation gauges. Instrumentation students are able to use the laboratory everyday in order to improve their skills.



The library is a useful tool for the instrumentation students. Randy is using this opportunity to work on one of the many projects required of the class.

Controlling the Process in Instrumentation

The Instrumentation Technology course objective is to train the student for an entry-level position in instrumentation. Both classroom study and hands-on lab study are used for teaching basic electronics, hydraulics, and pneumatics. This knowledge is then put to use in classes on calibration and process control training. As we enter the twenty-first century, technology will continue to advance. The need for skilled technicians will increase more and more as technology continues to advance into new areas.

The students enjoy working in the lab. They understand that the lab is a great way to get hands-on experience they need to succeed in the work force.



Grand Style Farewells

with

Funeral Services

Shelly Lack is taking a look at the casket that the funeral service has displayed. It is important to be able to determine the many features that the various caskets have to offer and be able to relay this to the family members of the loved one.

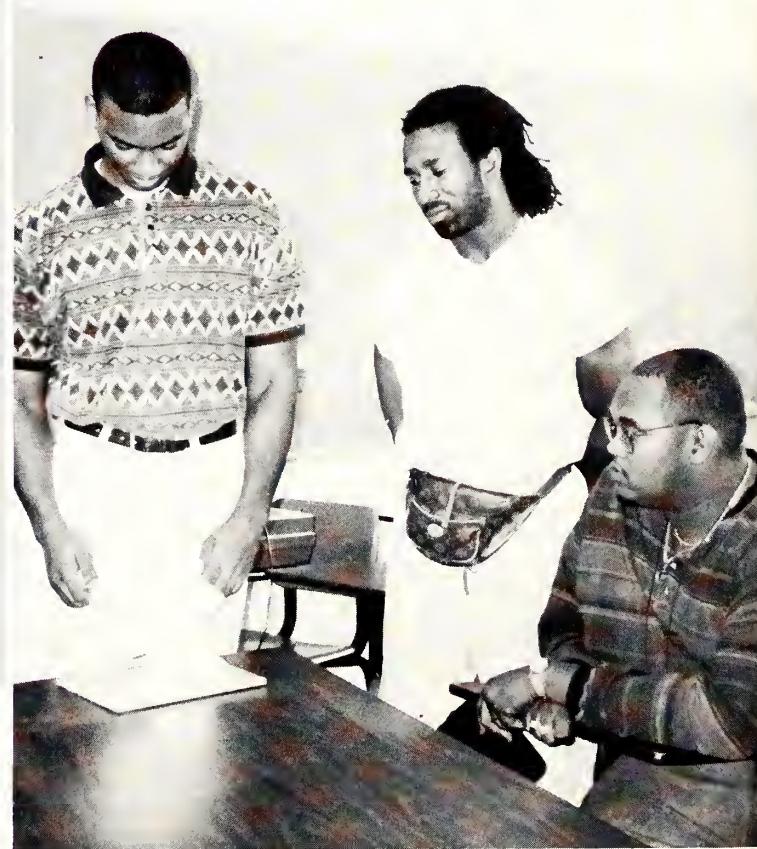


Mr. Don Webb and Mr. David Mullins are the instructors of this two year program which leads to an Associate of Applied Science degree. The Department of Funeral Service Education is nationally accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education, The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Mississippi Commission on Colleges. After graduation the student is expected to pass the National Board Examination and/or the State Boards, the graduate must complete a one year apprenticeship before becoming qualified as a licensed Funeral Director/Embalmer.



Mr. Don Webb and Mr. David Mullins helps the funeral service students understand their work on the computer.

Funeral service not only takes a lot of guts but also of creativity in sculpting bodies.



*Looking Forward
with*

Optical Technology

Optical Technology is a two-year program that provides the students with the knowledge and skills needed to obtain a job in ophthalmic dispensing. In this curriculum, the students are taught everything they need from developing the lens to marketing their finished product. They learn how to take a piece of plastic, rind the curves needed, and shape them to fit the frames desired. This curriculum, taught by Mr. James Hancock, teaches the student how to market the product, and fit the lens to the customers requests. Upon completion of this program receives an Associate of Applied Science degree.



Dushun Taylor,
Colleen Glass,
Lashanda Frierson, and
Latasha Rice are trying
to fill prescriptions for
eyeglasses. Precision
and accuracy are a must
for students in Optical
Technology.



Shonda Williams, Gemetric Thones, Brian Dockery, and Latasha Rice are trying to make lenses.

Shonda Williams, Jennifer Thompson, and Stephanie Gully are matching the right frames with the right lenses.

Cassandra Smith lays back and relaxes while Tabetha Hardin washes her hair.



Cozette Peters gets her nails done by Tiska Moore while Shirley Blake, Debra Wells, and Joyce Cook watch the procedure.



Scooba & GT Connecting with Cosmetology

Cosmetology students on both campuses must complete 1500 clock hours in a twelve month course and maintain a (B) grade point average. Application is made with the State Board of Cosmetology. Upon passing this test, the student is given a theory and practical. They will receive a license to practice cosmetology. This covers a broad spectrum of services such as Hair Sculpturing, Manicures, Pedicuring and Sculptured Nails, and Make-up artistry and all hair chemical services.



James Joiner and Tanea Hearn prepare to start cutting hair.



Barbara Coleman and Mandy Hunt are using hands on practice before cutting hair professionally.



Tiffany Dardin looks on as Keish Bishop and Nikki White show how to properly trim the mannequin's hair.



Mrs. Tommie Whiteside assist Velma Givens in a haircut.

Creating a New Image with Cosmetology

Mrs. Tommie Whiteside is the instructor at the Golden Triangle Campus. Students have class in the morning and lab after lunch. Each student has a project sheet, with several different hairstyles, that they are expected to complete before graduation. This lab time also includes haircuts and styles that can be done for those in the surrounding area. Graduates of this course must pass a State Board Examination. The graduates receive a Vocational Certificate and are qualified to receive a job in salons as Cosmetologist, Aestheticians, and Nail and Color Technicians.

Scooba & GT Connect with **Auto Mechanics**

The Automotive Services Technology department offers two programs: (1) a nine-month curriculum that leads to a vocational certificate in Automotive Mechanics, and (2) a two-year curriculum that leads to an Associate of Applied Sciences degree in Automotive Technology.

The Automotive Mechanics and the Automotive Technology programs provide the graduate with the basic skills and the technical knowledge to diagnose and repair late model vehicles, along with problem solving techniques, and computer diagnostics. More advanced classes/laboratories and academic course work are taught during the second year of study.



Sandra Amerson and Gerald Glass are helping one another. Teamwork is always helpful.



Michael Smith is showing hands on training while fixing a van during lab exercises on the Scooba Campus.





Gearing Up with **Auto Mechanics**

The Automotive Services Technology program is offered in both the Scooba and The Golden Triangle Campuses. These students are required to be tested and certified on the national level upon graduation. These departments are very fortunate to have several automobiles which have been donated by local car dealers. They are truly beneficial when it comes to working hands-on preparation for these examinations.

Bob Oliver is the instructor on the Scooba Campus and Grady Graham on the Golden Triangle Campus. Both of these men bring years of experience and are truly an asset to EMCC.



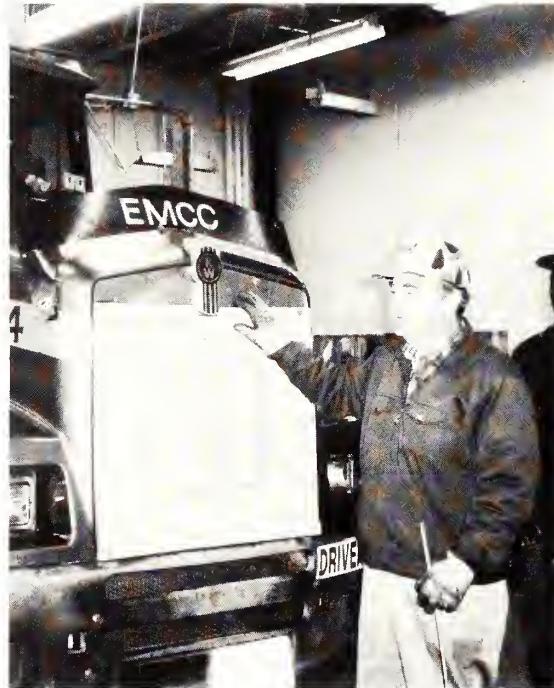
Cheryl assists Chris in repairing the distributor during the lab exercises on the GT campus.



Mr. Grady Graham instructs Daman and Charles on how to use an auto manual to obtain accurate information.

Truck Driving is a very secure field that will allow you to travel across the nation or travel locally.

EMCC takes pride in their ability to offer vocational programs such as Truck Driving. Here the instructor shows the importance of maintaining the vehicle.



Driving Toward the Future in **Truck Driving**

The Commercial Truck Driving program is an eight-week program which prepares the graduate to enter the commercial truck driving industry as an over-the-road driver. This program combines classroom, lab, and actual road driving for the students. The course covers such areas as safety, Department of Transportation rules and regulations, proper shifting techniques, pre-trip inspections, map reading, log book paperwork, cargo handling, two-lane driving, four-lane driving, night driving, and metro driving. Students are trained to drive conventional cabover tractors pulling loaded and empty vans, as well as flatbed trailers.

Truck Driving is a growing field. These students realize there will always be a need to transport goods made by manufacturers.



The Industrial Electricity lab has many machines that will allow the students to have hands-on experience. This enables the students to practice what they have learned.



These students are taking one of the many examinations giving in this major. It takes more than hands-on experience to succeed in the world of electricity.

Brightening our World with Electricity

The Electrical Technology department offers both a one-year vocational certificate option and a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree option. The one-year program is two semesters in length and prepares graduates to work in residential, commercial, and industrial electricity settings. Graduates of the program possess the knowledge and skills necessary to plan, install, maintain, and troubleshoot various electrical systems. In both programs, heavy emphasis is placed on "learning by doing." The students receive two hours of laboratory training for each one hour lecture.

Computers are a part of the many things involved in Industrial Electricity. The students understand that they must have computer knowledge to succeed in the world of electricity.





One thing that is taught in the welding program is safety. This student is fully dressed in the safety equipment which can be purchased from the EMCC bookstore.



This student enjoys being able to practice what he learns. The welding students spend many long hours in the fully equipped welding lab.

The world will always have use for welders. A person with a welding degree could work for a company or go into business for themselves.

Firing it up in Welding and Fabrication

The Welding and Fabrication program is a one-year vocational curriculum. The students receive training and experience that ready them for entry-level positions.

Students graduating from this program gain hands-on experience through work with oxygen and acetylene welding, rod and pipe cutting, plasma arch cutting, and fabricating. These students also receive instruction in welding theory, the study of welding machines, blue print reading, and accessories used in the welding field.

Under the instruction of Mr. Ricky Collier, students undertake many projects. Some of these projects include building barbecue grills, hay forks, arch pens for calves, as well as fabricating and welding of trailers.



Healing our World with

Practical Nursing

There are three Practical Nursing programs offered by East Mississippi Community College. The first program was located at the Golden Triangle Campus and is still in full operation. The second and most recent addition to the Practical Nursing program is located at the Noxubee General Hospital in Macon.

The Macon extension program is designed to meet the individual needs of the student. A student may obtain a certified nursing assistant certificate in one semester or continue for three more semesters to obtain an LPN license. This program is funded through the employment training division of the Job Training Partnership Act.

The following pictures were taken of nursing students on the Scooba campus. Many times these students practice on one another in addition to having clinicals.



The nursing students spend many long hours in the nursing lab. EMCC has provided them with the hands-on experience needed to survive in the world of nursing.



Students sometimes have the opportunity to practice on each other. Here Shannon, Miranda, and Shelia demonstrate how to check a pulse and I.V.

The nursing labs are equipped with accessories that are used by nurses everyday. These students appreciate that these items will help prepare them for their field.

Nursing students experience hands-on training on how to help disabled people.



One of the nursing students caught caring for one of her patients. He seems to be in good hands.



Caring for Others *through* **Nursing**

The Practical Nursing program is a course of study designed to prepare qualified men and women to become practical nurses. Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses.

The student will gain classroom and laboratory instructions in such areas as vocational adjustments, basic nursing skills, nutrition, anatomy, human growth and development, pharmacology, maternal/child nursing, emotional and mental illness, and medical-surgical nursing. This program is a twelve-month program which begins each year in August.

The following pictures were taken on the Golden Triangle campus.

Often Nursing students, during their spare time find ways to relax by talking among themselves.





Top Left — Renae Willis, State Historian

Top Right — Monique Johnson, State Secretary

Bottom Right — Sabrina L. Bowens, Northern District Representative



HOSA State Officers **Speak Out**

"What does it mean to be a HOSA State Officer?"

SABRINA L. BOWENS, Northern District Representative, says, "It has been a new challenge for me. It has given me the opportunity to make use of my leadership skills that I learned in HOSA."

MONIQUE JOHNSON, State Secretary, says, "It has allowed me to meet a lot of new people. It has also helped me develop my leadership skills and understand the importance of working as part of a team. My motto as secretary is 'Take Charge of the Minute'."

Elnora Doss, State Parliamentarian

Forestry students Jody Elmore, Lee Ann Copes, and Jeff Fortenberry learn from outdoor experience as well as in the text books.



Jeremy Alford, Eric Bryan, and Steve Harrington learn to love the outdoors and make it happen in the world.



Nurturing with Forestry

Forestry Technology is an instructional program that prepares individuals to produce, protect and manage timber and other forest crops. Students enrolled in the program will participate in variety of learning experiences related to land and forest measurements, growth processes of timber stand tree identification, timber and forest product harvesting, timber stands, tree identification, timber and forest product harvesting, timber stand management and protection, and forest products utilization. The program combines lecture-based activities with laboratory field experiences.

Forestry Technology is a two year technical program. An Associate of Applied Science degree awarded upon successful completion of the curriculum.

Brett Fussell, Lyle Gilbert, and Joey Brooks are getting down and working hard for the answer to find out what forestry is all about.



Students help each other clean airplane parts, which is just a small portion of good maintenance.



Students are lending a helping hand to one another while repairing the wires on a aircraft.

Flying with Aviation

The Aviation Technology program includes the classroom and hands-on work required by the Federal Aviation Administration for preparation to successfully complete the Airframe and/or Powerplant Mechanic. Aircraft maintenance technicians may be issued an FAA Mechanic Certificate upon successful completion of written, oral, and practical examinations. An FAA certified mechanic may have an airframe rating, a powerplant rating, or both. The mechanic can work only on the specific parts of the aircraft for which he is rated, qualified, and equipped to do.

Aviation students show off a few of the planes that they work on.



Together We Make it Happen



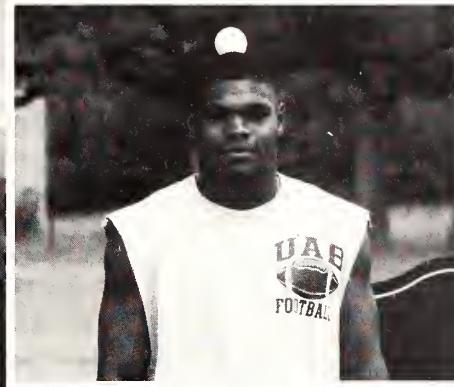
As a student at EMCC, I have yet to meet a person I would not want as a friend. I have found that we are all unique in our own special way. If it were not for all of the different personalities, we wouldn't be able to come together as a student body and make it happen.

The students at EMCC realize that the faculty, staff, and administration focus on the importance of meeting each individual student's needs. Our student body is made up of many different ethnic groups. This happens to give us the opportunity to grow and learn more about each other in a friendly environment. As most of you know, we have five campuses. Many attend the Scooba and Golden Triangle Campuses, but let's not forget the thousands of students who attend the Columbus Air Force Base, Meridian Air Naval Station, and the Macon Extension. All students, faculty, staff, and administration come together from these various campuses to make it happen. It takes the students and their willingness to learn to "make the grade" in whatever they do. However, without the one-on-one attention from the instructors, none of this would be possible. As a student, I appreciate the personal relationships that are established among the students, faculty, staff, and administration.

In closing, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the many friends I have made and the instructors and administration for their support I have been given throughout the years I have been a student. With all of this support, I have been able to make many things happen in my life. I have enjoyed being given the opportunity to be your assistant editor, and it has given me many fond memories. Through my major, which is Marketing, I have come to know a crazy bunch of people and would also like to thank them and former members for letting me be the Chapter President of Delta Epsilon Chi (ΔEX). The memories of Jackson and Orlando will be held close to my heart forever. By the time you receive this publication, I hope to have competed in Anaheim, where I am certain I will have made more everlasting memories happen.

Angie Turnage, Assistant Editor — GT Campus





"Coming to EMCC has given me a second chance to continue my education and fulfill my dream in my chosen major."

Mike Bailey
Computer Science

"I like EMCC because friends that I went to high school with are here and I have also met a lot of new friends. I also like the close personal assistance the faculty and staff can offer a student rather than being just a number anywhere else."

Melissa Staford
Academics



"I have made a new start here at EMCC, by making the effort to continue my education. I hope to one day look back on my time here and tell my family and friends about all the good times I had and about the new friends I made."

Jeff Fortenberry
Wild Life and Fishery Management

People Division

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Coping with Death

Dealing with the loss of EMCC faculty, staff, and students

Coping with death was an issue many students, faculty, staff, and administration had to face when the lives of loved ones, co-workers, and friends were lost. This has been a difficult year for EMCC. During the year, we have mourned over the deaths of EMCC faculty, staff, and students.

In October, 1996, we suffered the loss of Mr. Lynn Cook, Machine Tool Operations Instructor. In November 1994, Mr. Cook was diagnosed with cancer. He continued to teach while undergoing treatment. He inspired his students live. Ricky Collier and former student Bryan Steed replied, "He was the nicest, most intelligent person they have ever met. He loved to teach and took the time to go that extra mile for anyone."

Also in October, 1996, Ms. Gail Pace passed away after battling cancer for several years. She served as the Sex Equity Coordinator on the Golden Triangle Campus. She was employed at EMCC from October 1988 - July 1993. "She was festive, courageous, and full of life person. Everything she touched came to life", said Mrs. Brenda Wilson, SPDH Coordinator.

In July, Wendy Watson, a Business Technology student on the Golden Triangle Campus, was in a fatal car accident. Wendy was always an outgoing, cheerful person. "She was always ready to share a smile to brighten your day. She enjoyed life," said Tawana Davis. Wendy's business instructors, Mrs. Doolittle and Mrs. Fulgham said, "Wendy was very cooperative, model student and was a friend to everyone. She will be missed."

Michael "Shaye" McPhearson was a very dedicated, sincere person. Shaye was in a fatal car accident in April, 1996. He was an Electronics student and a Phi Theta Kappa member. To be a Phi Theta Kappa member a student must maintain a 3.5 GPA. His dedication showed through his academic accomplishments. Mr. Danny Brown and Ms. Diane Bowers said, "He was a very focused, model student and classmate. He was an outstanding individual."

Brandy Blackwell was a sophomore on the Scooba campus majoring in secondary education. Brandy was from Philadelphia, MS. She passed away late in the fall semester of 1995. "Everyone loved her sweet smile and thoughtful gestures. She will truly be missed by all those who knew her," said Dr. DiMichele.

People deal with death in different ways. Some get angry, some act like it's no big deal and some are very tearful. Many people use memories to cushion the blow of death. Although no part of coping is easy, when someone dies, the initial shock is very difficult. "The hardest part of losing someone is realizing that you can not be with them anymore," said Tawana Davis, a sophomore in Marketing. "For as long as you live on earth this person is someone you'll never be able to see, hold, touch, or talk to ever again. Sometimes the only comforting thought is that you will meet again in Heaven."

There are many ways to deal with these emotions. Many students turn to friends, family members, instructors, and some may seek counseling. Regardless of whom they turn to, it is important to work through the grief and cherish the memories.

The time period for mourning varies, but many people wonder if they will ever really get over it. No one can tell you when to stop grieving because the time varies from one to two years, normally two years. You will never get over the pain because you really cared about them. They have all touched our lives and their memories will live on forever.



WENDY SCARLETT WATSON
Business Technology Freshman
December 17, 1976 - July 11, 1996

She was always ready to share a smile that would brighten your day. She was hardworking and enjoyed life. Wendy was a very cooperative student and every one she met enjoyed her company."



MICHAEL "SHAYE"
McPHEARSON

Electronics Technology Sophomore
October 29, 1976 - April 22, 1996

He was always making others laugh, listened with understanding, and helped with the hurting. He was a tremendous witness. Shaye knew how to PLAY like a kid and PRAY like a man. He was an outstanding individual."



MR. LYNN COOK
Machine Tool Operations Instructor
July 5, 1942 - October 10, 1996

Lynn loved teaching. He inspired his students lives. He took the time to go that extra mile to help the student grasp a concept. Lynn was extremely proud of his HEADWAE award which recognizes instructors in higher education. One of the nicest guys you will ever meet."

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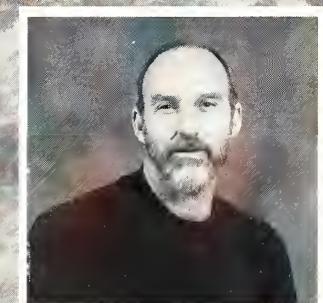
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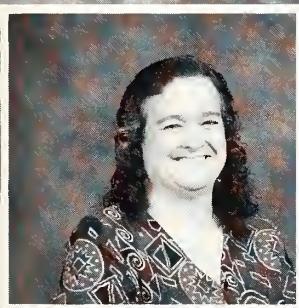
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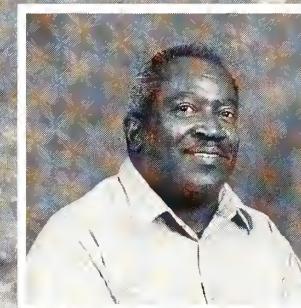
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JIMMIE G. HOPPER—SC
Assistant Librarian



TERONICAL HOWARD—
SC
Financial Aid Clerk



CATALINA HUERKAMP—
SC
Spanish Instructor



LUCY HULL—SC
Economics & Gov't Instructor



STEVE HULL—SC
Men's Basketball Coach &
HPR Classes



MELANIE HUTCHERSON—
SC
Registrar



JANICE IRBY—SC
Library Assistant



ETHEL B. JARVIS—SC
English Instructor



ANN JEFFERSON—GT
Maintenance



GARRY JONES—GT
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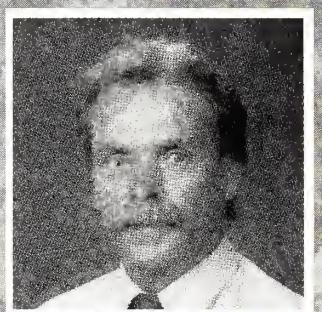
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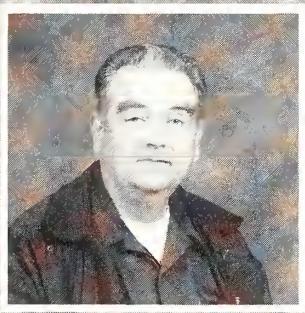
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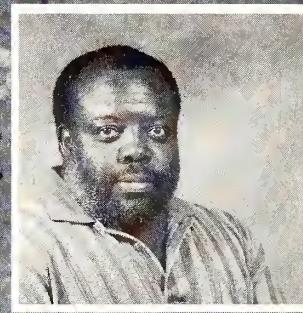
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Basic Skills Specialist



IRENE NICHOLS—SC
Related Studies Instructor



EARL OLIVER—SC
Automotive Mechanics



JAN PACE—SC
Cosmetology Instructor



KAREN QUARRELS—GT
ABE Instructor



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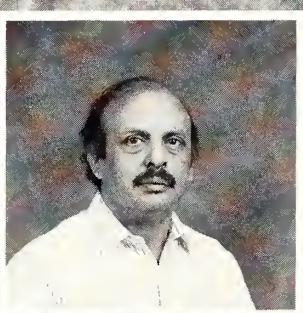
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Adult Basic Education



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Admissions Secretary



ANDREA SCOTT—SC
Biological Sciences



DR. RAJ SHAUNAK—GT
Workforce Specialist



ELLEN SHAW—GT
Tech Prep Coordinator



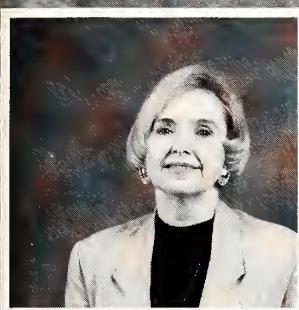
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Chair—Science/Math

JENNIFER SKJELLUM—GT
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SP/DH Coordinator

ROGER F. SMITH—SC
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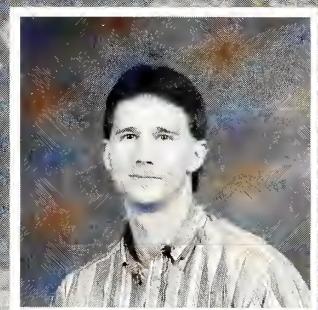
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GINA THOMPSON—GT
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MARTHA TAYLOR—SC
English & Reading Instructor



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Computer & Math Instructor

ANN TINDAL—SC
Speech & Drama Instructor

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TRISHA WANAMAKER—
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Public Relations Director

BOB WEINING—GT
Truck Driving Instructor



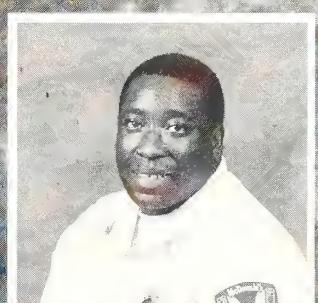
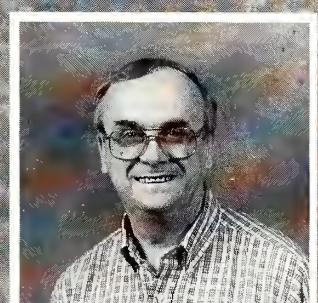
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Payroll/Insurance Manager

MICHELE WHITE—SC
Receptionist

TOMMIE WHITESIDE—GT
Cosmetology Instructor

BRENDA WILSON—GT
SP/DH Coordinator

KARY WILLIAMS—SC
Math Instructor



RANDY WILLIAMS—SC
Science Instructor

SANDRA WIMBERLY—SC
Registrar

JOHN C. WOOD—SC
Bible Instructor

RODNEY WOODARD—SC
Campus Security

SANDRA YARBROUGH—
SC
Secretary

Who's Who Among America's Community College Students

Scooba Campus

CAREY BLACK

Pre-Law

All-State Softball;
All-Region Softball



SHERBY BOZEMAN

Secondary Education

Phi Theta Kappa member;
All-State Band member



SHANNAL
BRECKENRIDGE

Pre-Pharmacy

Headwae Student;
Physics and Chemistry Award
Phi Theta Kappa President
FCA — President



BRENDA EASLEY

Funeral Service

Phi Theta Kappa member;
Sigma Phi Sigma member;
Outstanding Funeral Service Student



RICKY D. ENGEL

Funeral Service

Sigma Phi Sigma member;
Vice-President — 1996 and President
1997



RICKY MILLER

Electrical Engineering

Phi Theta Kappa member



CHRIS
RUTHERFORD

Chemical
Engineering

Phi Theta Kappa Vice-President
All-State Band member;
SGA President



SIRENA SPOTTS

Psychology

Fellowship Christian Athletes
Student Christian Association

SUSIE TULLOS

Accounting

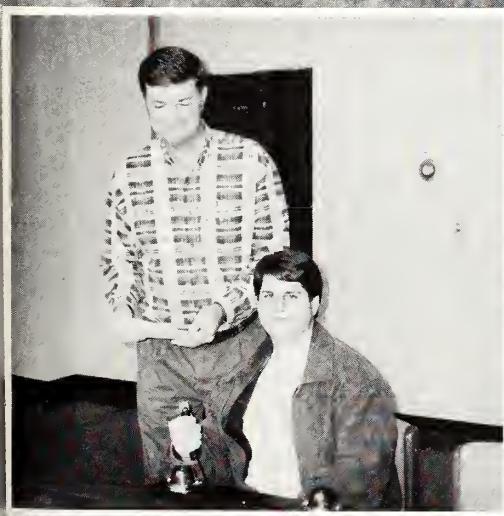
Phi Beta Lambda member;
Phi Theta Kappa member



Who's Who Not Pictured: Jenniefer Vega, Candice Branning, Michele Eldridge, Sam Evans, Billy Gibson, Joshua Guthans, Juan Harris, William Jarvis, Keith Johnson, Kimberlee Knight, Susann Lunsford, James McPherson, Mallory Parker, and Peggy Winstead

Student's Participate in the Scholar's Bowl

Scooba Campus



The EMCC Scholar's Bowl Team for 1997 — L to R: Advisor — Mr. Kary Williams, Ashley Brewer, David Landrum, Chris Rutherford, and Shanna Breckenridge.

Ashley Brewer and Shanna Breckenridge gather their notes for a study session of facts and figures.

Mr. Kary Williams, advisor, instructs Chris Rutherford in the use of the response buzzer.

We all know the importance of throwing a touchdown pass, hitting the winning home run, or sinking the big free-throws to win the game. However, there is a team on campus that competes in the form of questions about history, chemistry, English, and all of the other subjects that we teach in college. Our Scholar's Bowl team travels to the University of Mississippi each spring, taking on similar teams from all of the other community colleges. For the past few years, our teams, under the tutelage of Mr. Kary Williams, have represented East Mississippi Community College proudly. The top students in several academic areas are selected to be members of the Scholar's Bowl. Success in the Scholar's Bowl — making it happen with hard work, dedication, and a lot of brain power.

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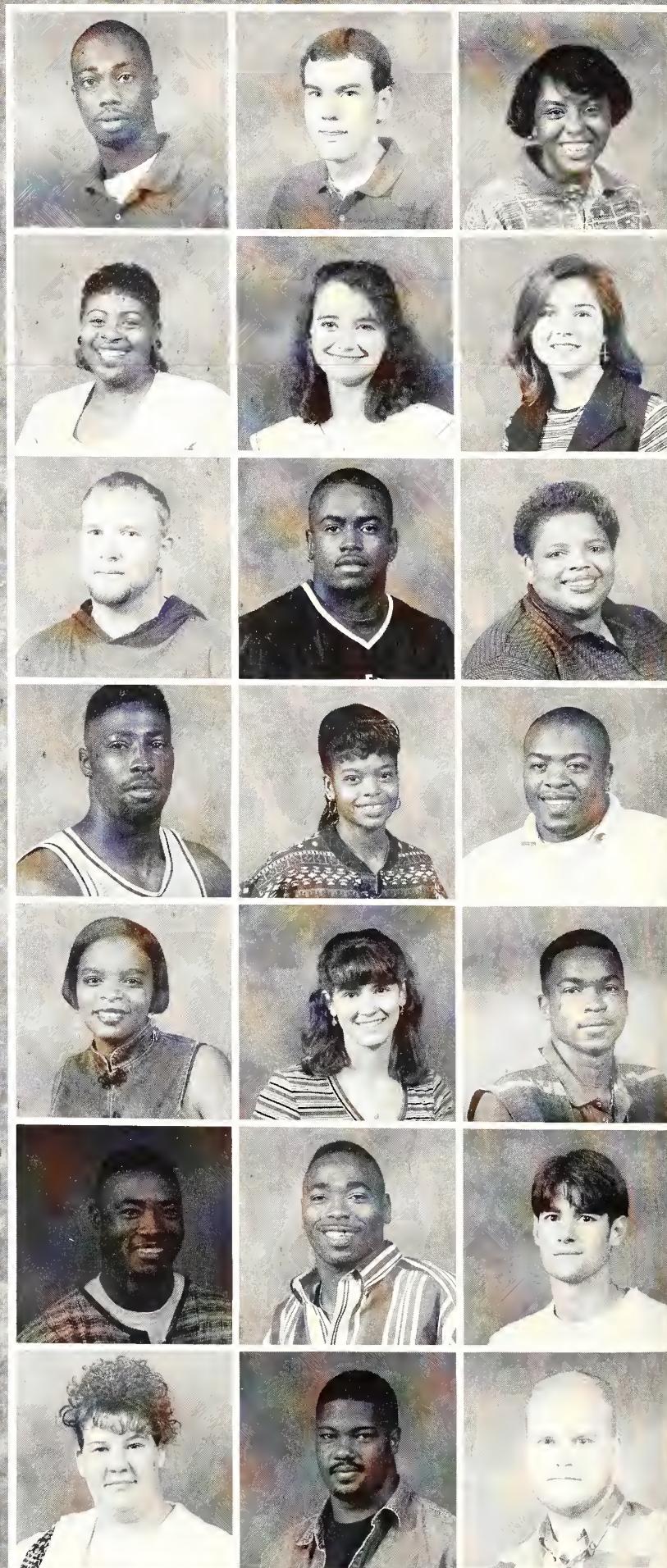
Sophomore Favorites

Jermario Washington
Sirena Spotts



Jermario Washington is from Crawford majoring in Liberal Arts. He plans to attend the university of Southern Mississippi. He is a member of the drama society, Delta Psi Omega and serves as its president. He is the son of Mrs. Katherine Washington.

Sirena Spotts is from Caledonia majoring in Behavioral Science. She is a member of the Lady Lion Basketball Team and assistant editor of The Lion yearbook staff. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Spotts.



HARRIS



Jimmy Akins, Columbus
Jeremy Alford, Philadelphia
Sandra Amerson, Porterville
Anthony R. Akins, Columbus
Charles Banks, Columbus
Alan Beasley, McGee
Carey Black, Macon
Sonya Bunyard, Meridian

Carolyn Bourrage, DeKalb
Sherby Bozeman, Philadelphia
Shanna Breckenridge, DeKalb
Corrie Broadhead, DeKalb
Joey Brooks, Meridian
Kathy Brooks, Scooba
Andy Brown, Columbus
Pauline Brown, Meridian

Eric Bryan, Scooba
Rodner Bush, Columbus
Kimberly Carter, DeKalb
Shaunacy Carter, Kennedy, AL
Dealtrus Clark, DeKalb
Jimmy Cockrell, Birmingham, AL
Stephanie L. Cole, DeKalb
Mary Alace Coleman, Shuqualak

Bobby Collins, York , AL
Barbara Dale, Scooba
Jarvis Davis, West Point
Robert Davis, Crawford
Chad Denunzio, Reading, PA
Danielle Dial, Livingston, AL
Brenda Easley, Houston
Tarus Edwards

Vernita L. Edwards, DeKalb
Michele Eldridge, DeKalb
Cedrich Ellis, Columbus
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Dewell Fears, West Point
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Linda Gandy, Macon

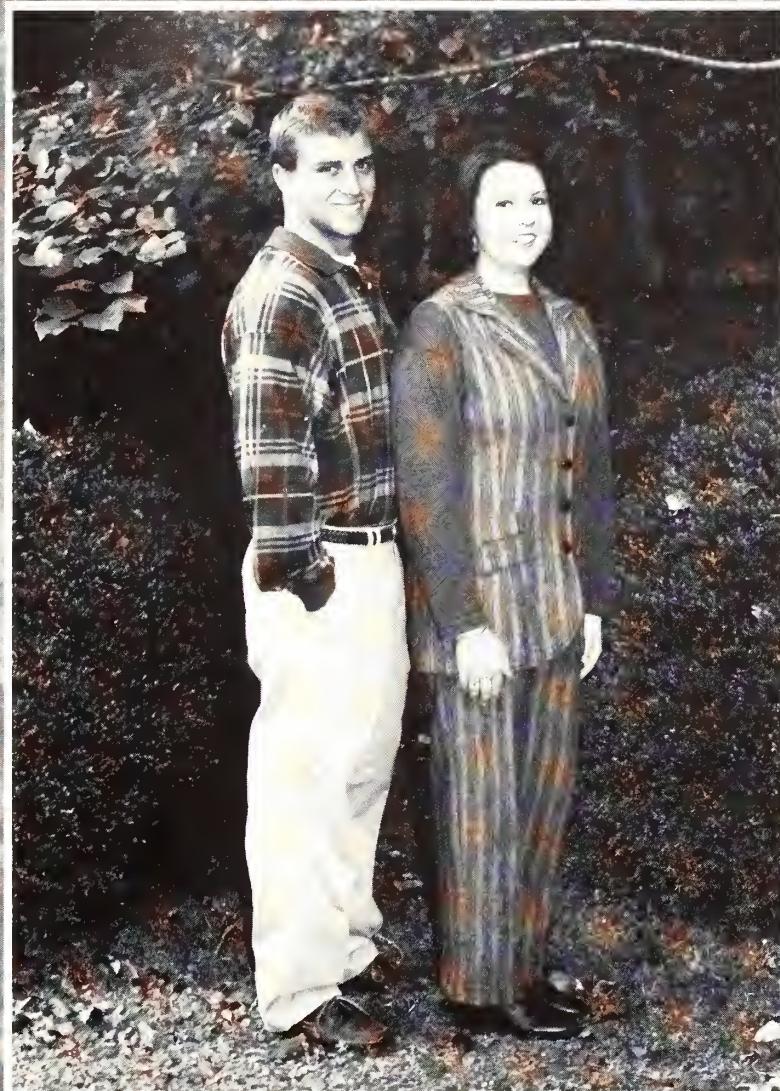
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Michael J. Gatson
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Roosevelt Gibbs, West Point
Billy Gibson, DeKalb
Katina Gibson, Starkville
Lyle Gilbert, Columbus
Tavoris Gilkey, Macon

Angelia Green Scooba
Chris Gunn, West Point
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Juana Harris, West Point
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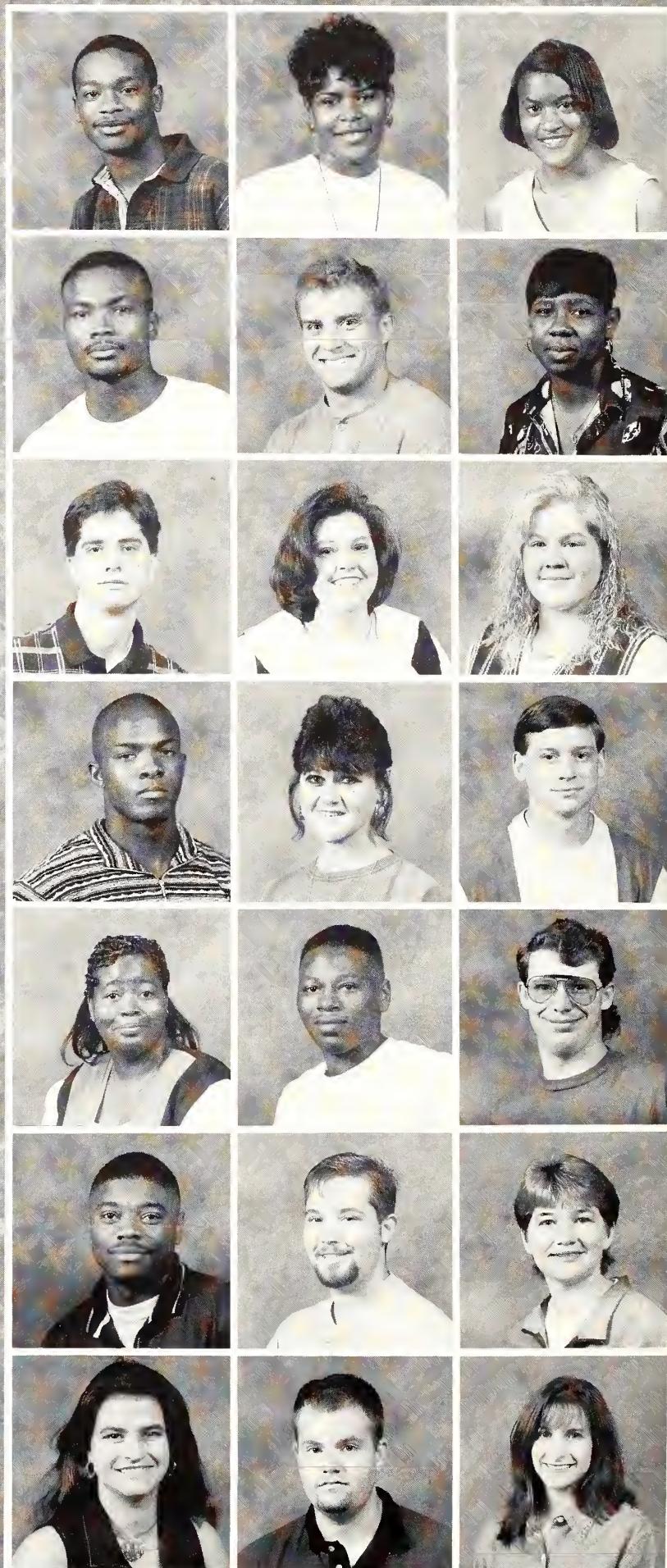
Sophomore Favorites

**Tommy Jarvis
Kimberlee Knight**



Tommy Jarvis is from DeKalb majoring in Physical Therapy and plans to attend the University of Mississippi. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the EMCC Reflection and Cheerleading squad. Tommy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Jarvis.

Kimberlee Knight is from DeKalb majoring in Liberal Arts. She is a member of the EMCC Reflections and the EMCC Band. She plans to continue her education at a major university. Kimberlee is the daughter of Mrs. Juanita Knight and the late John L. Knight.



THOMAS



Fernandez Henderson, Geiger, AL
Komawi Hinton, Columbus
Yolanda Holmes, Water Valley
Miranda Hudson, Meridian
Tonya Hudnall, Daleville
Traci Hudnall, Meridian
Elizabeth Ingram, Brooksville
Cashanda Ivy, Macon

Quincy Jackson, Brundidge, AL
Tommy Jarvis, DeKalb
Renee Jefferson, West Point
Amie Jenkins, Shuqualak
Keith T. Johnson, Scooba
Kim Johnson, Columbus
Kywanna Johnson, West Point
Ginger N. Jones, Crawford

Kevin Jones, Shuqualak
Kimberly Knight, DeKalb
Michelle Lack, Carthage
David Landrum, Louisville
Timika Lanier, Carrollton, AL
Tedrick Liddell, Macon
Eric W. Matthews, Aberdeen
Alberta Maxer, Scooba

Kenyatta L. McNeese, Brooksville
Teresa McRae, DeKalb
Ricky Miller, Macon
Angie Millsaps, West Point
Myron Naylor, DeKalb
Mallory Parker, Brooksville
Fred Peters, Meridian
Justin Posey, Franklinton, LA

Shelia R. Ramsey, Scooba
Rodney Robinson, Macon
Anthony Robbins, Macon
Calvin Robinson, DeKalb
Jesus' Jose' Rodriguez, Forest
Ricky J. Rowell, Columbia
Aleshia Rush, DeKalb
Chris Rutherford, Columbus

Marvin Samuel, West Point
Benjamin Sasser, Macon
Jennifer Satterwhite, Caledonia
Maryellen Scott, Saginaw, MI
Lawanda Shields, DeKalb
Adrain Smith, Meridian
Linda Smith, DeKalb
Michael Smith, Scooba

Sirena Spotts, Caledonia
James L. Stennis, DeKalb
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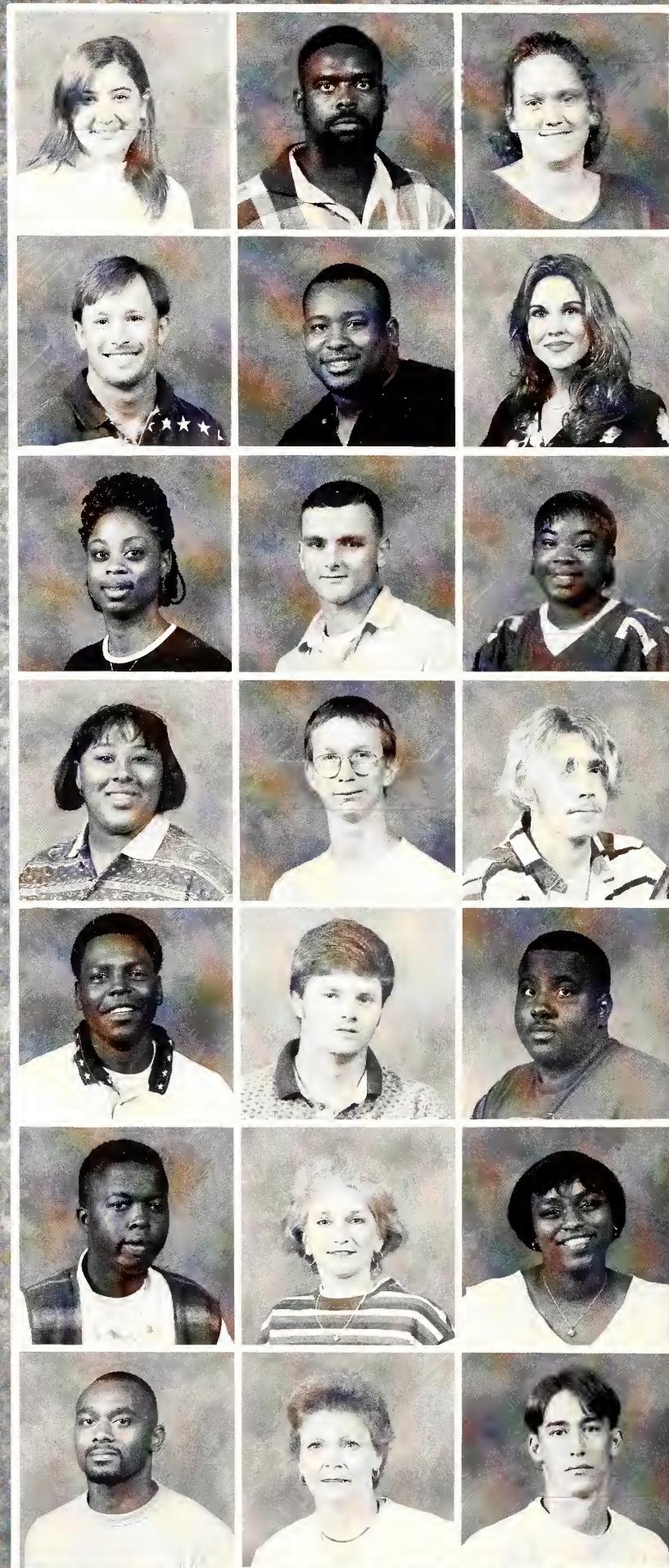
Freshmen Favorites

Ryan Rainer
Pamela Walker



Ryan Rainer is from Meridian majoring in Forest T Technology. He is a member of the EMCC Lion Baseball team. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny R. Rainer.

Pamela Walker is from Macon majoring in Pre-Nursing. She is a member of HOSA, Health Occupation Student Association. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Walker Jr.



CUNNINGHAM



Melissa Thomas, Macon
Shawne Thompson, Mosquito Creek, AL
Suzie Tullos, Bailey
Eileen Turner, DeKalb
Steven Turner, Macon
Timmy Warren, West Point
Jemario Washington, Crawford
Lesheada Wells, Brooksville

Ramirez Williams, West Point
Kellie Wilson, Scooba
Jeff Wood, Columbus
Monica Young, West Point
Brodie West, Columbus
Natalie Allen, Geiger, AL
Donnie Allen Jr., Macon
Wynell Anderson, Scooba

LaShonde Anthony, Columbus
Matt Atkins, Caledonia
Bernie Avery, DeKalb
Jodie Baker, Macon
LaToya Bardley, Brooksville
Kenneth Barnes, Mineola, TX
Jody Bates, Collinsville
Sonya Bland, Macon

Cynthia L. Beaty, Scooba
Robin Birmingham, West Point
Joseph Birzer
Shirley Blakley, Shuqualak
Kelvin Bolden, Crawford
Jason Boyd, Meridian
Tora Boyd, Porterville
Kelli Brandenburg, DeKalb

Alexander Brandon, Columbus
Shaune Brantley, Meridian
Kori Bridges, Columbus
Michael Brooks, Columbus
Natalie Brooks, Saginaw, MI
Anell Brown, Butler, AL
Dianne Brown, Brooksville
Tameka Brown, Macon

Carey J. Butler, Columbus
Penny Chaney, Philadelphia
Lakeesha Chapman, Columbus
Jody Clark, Meridian
Keith Clayborn, Columbus
Barret Coleman, DeKalb
John Collier, Meridian
Carin Collier, Steens

Jerome Collins, West Point
Joyce Cook, Meridian
Jonathan Copeland, Gadsen, AL
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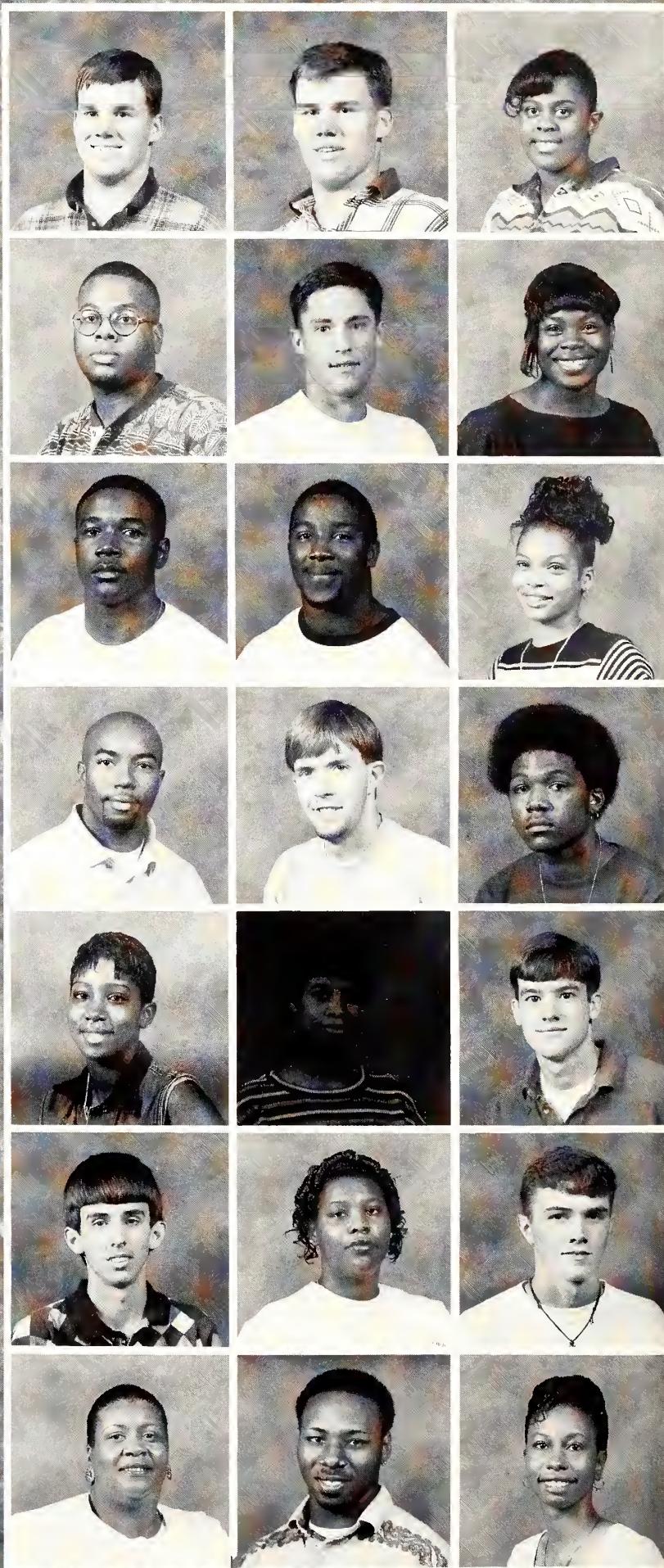
Freshmen Favorites

Vincent Tanksley
Trena Silvers



Vincent Tanksley is from Collinsville and is majoring in Art. After graduation he plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and major in Animation Directing. He is a member of the EMCC Reflections and Music Workshop. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tanksley.

Trena Silvers is from Macon and is majoring in Business Technology. Trena is a member of Phi Beta Lambda. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Silvers.



JOHNSON



Daniel Dabbs, Scooba
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Donald O. Davis Jr., Willacoochee, GA
John Deviney, Meridian
Brian Dockery, Scooba

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Brent Dubuc, Morgan City, LA
Lauretta Eades, Porterville
Eric Edmonds, Starkville
Jason Edwards, Starkville
Jody Elmore, Forkland, AL
Constance Finley, Philadelphia
Jeff Fortenberry, Philadelphia

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Fred Frazier, Sturgis
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Herman Gaines, Marion Junction, AL
Henry Gerald, Yazoo City
Butch Glass, Meridian
Colleen Glass, Macon
Rigina Glass, Meridian

Dwayne L. Goodloe, Canton
Chris Goodman, New Hope
Andre Cray, Columbus
Angela Green, Collinsville
Brandon M. Green, Collinsville
Stephanie Griffin, DeKalb
Angelia Griffith, Millport
Kimberly Grissom, Brooksville

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Tabertha Hardin, Louisville
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Consuelia LeFlore, Meridian

Kenny Liningham, Sturgis
Malikah Lockett, Shuqualak
Veronica Love, DeKalb
Elihu J. Lowery, Caledonia
Philip Lundy, Louisville

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Gidget G. Malone, DeKalb
Trenell Malone, Crawford
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Wendy McElroy, Lauderdale
Andrew McFarland, West Point
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Takisha McNeese, Macon
Twanna Midcalf, Scooba
Chad Miller, Meridian
Taho Miller, Weir
Betty Mitchell, DeKalb

John Montgomery, Starkville
Claudia Moore, Madison
Sheniece Moore, Philadelphia
Taiska Moore, Chicago, IL
Donald Murray, Columbus

STEWART



Tawanda Nash, Killeen, TX
Nathan Norris, Macon
Torie O'Brian, New Hope
Todd M. Palmer, Starkville
Cozette H. Peters, Shubuta

Gloria Payne, Emelle, AL
Melissa Pearson, Meridian
Stacey Peeler, Philadelphia
Marco Poindexter, Columbus
Casey Reed, Macon

Christy Reed, Scooba
Keldja Richardson, Columbus
Steven Robertson, DeKalb
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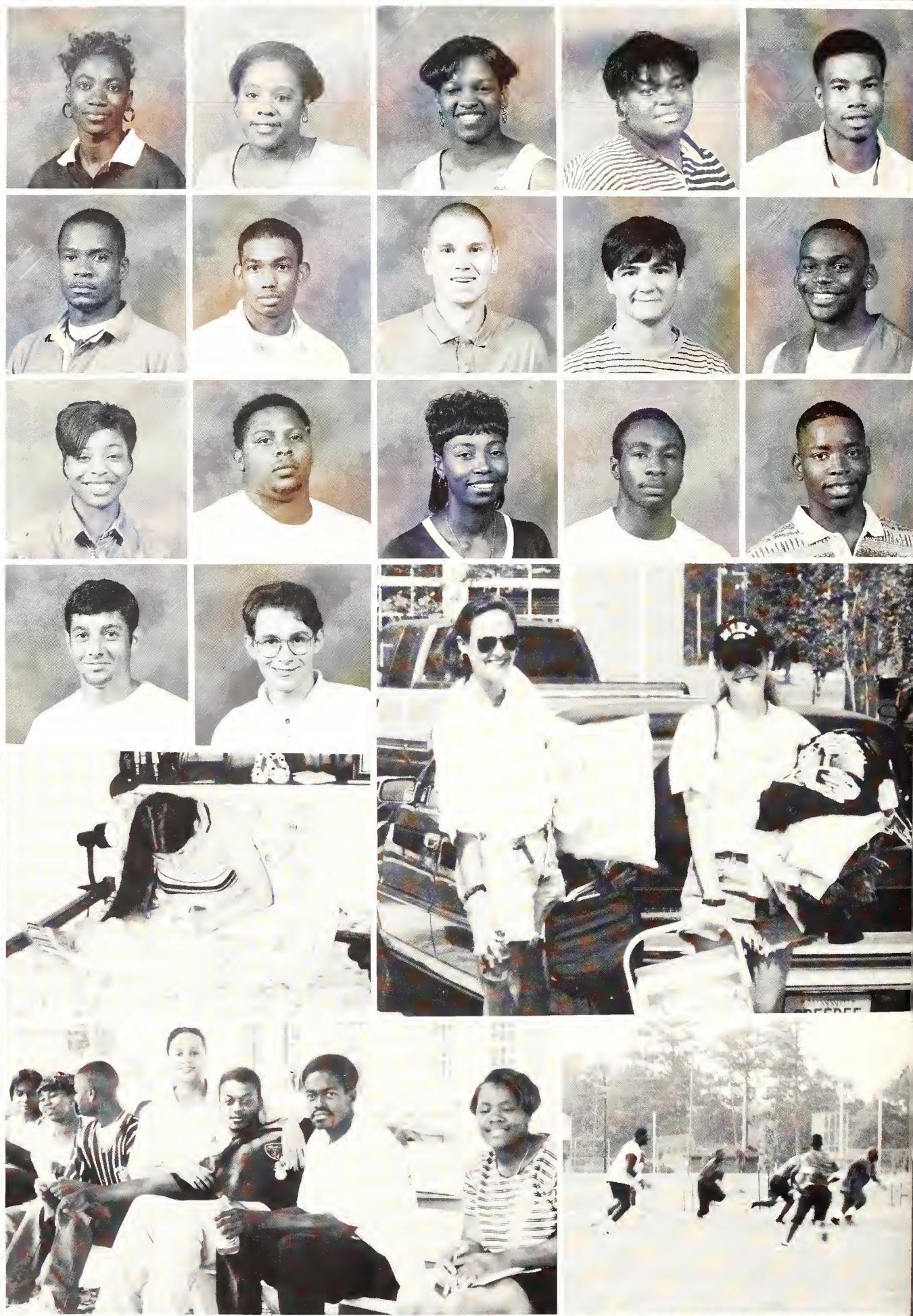
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Connie L. Smith, Philadelphia
David Smith, Caledonia
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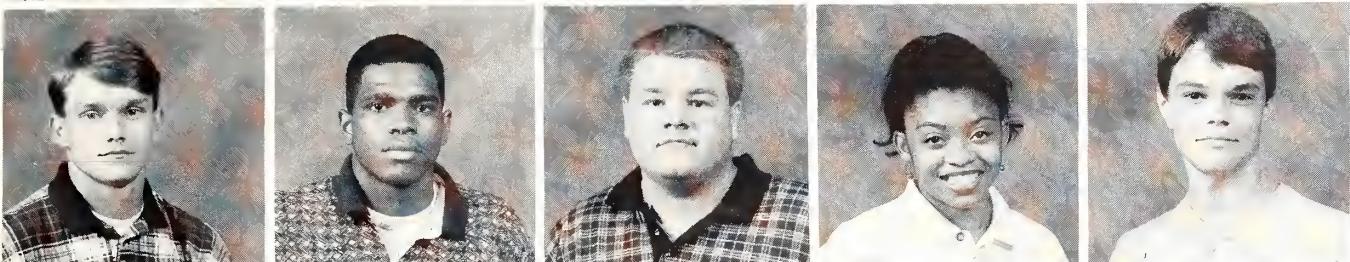
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Tekanya Stewart, Columbus
Christol Stribling, Philadelphia
Terrance Sykes, West Point



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George E. Washington,
Columbus
Catina Wells, Brooksville
Debra R. Wells, Scooba
Lautrease Wells, Macon



Leslie West, New Hope
Willie Whitfield, Columbus
Todd Whitmore, Ranburn, AL
Erica Williams, Columbus
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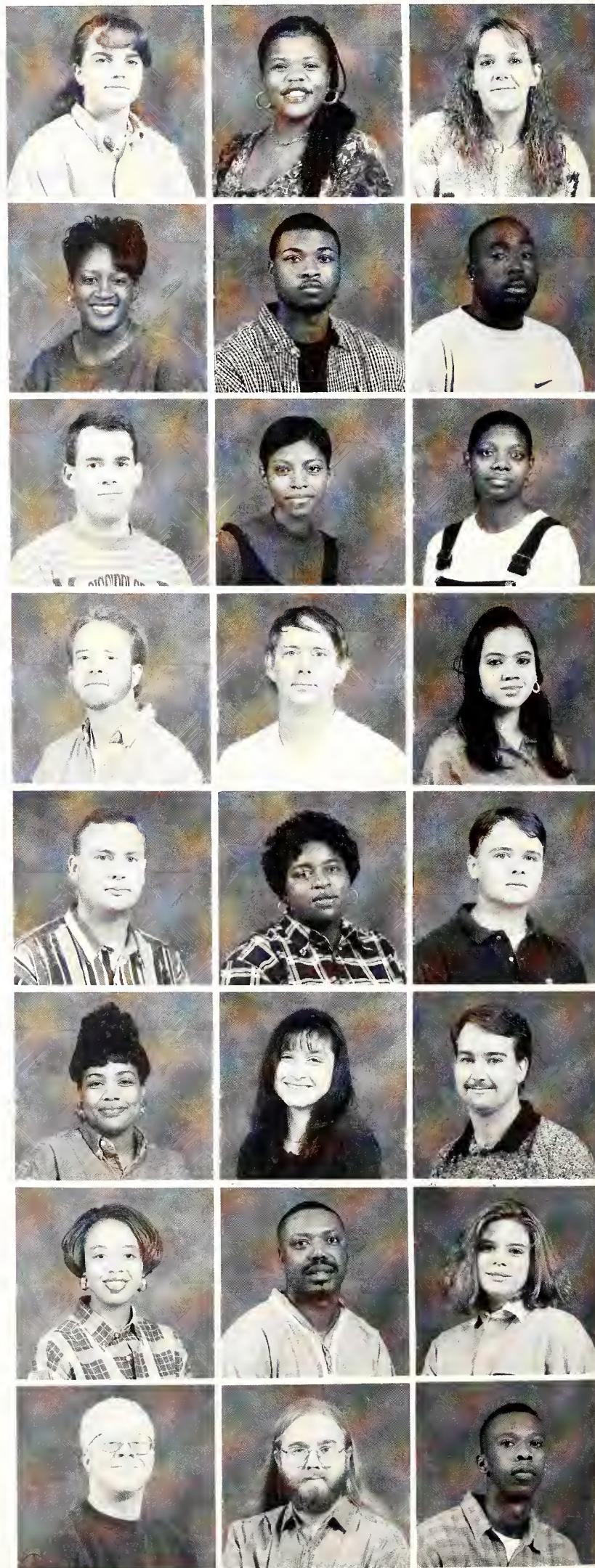
Sophomore Favorites

Todd Pitts
Tawana Davis



Todd Pitts, a Computer Programming major is from West Point. While at EMCC Todd has been an active member of Phi Beta Lambda. Todd was also a contestant in the EMCC's Beauty and Beau pageant both of his years at EMCC. In Todd's free time he enjoys spending time with friends, hunting, fishing, and sports. After graduation he plans to attend Mississippi State University and one day open up his own computer business.

Tawana Davis, a marketing management major of West Point, is the daughter of Benny Davis and Diane Gill. While attending EMCC, Tawana has served as District Editor of the Lion Yearbook, and State President of Delta Epsilon Chi. Tawana also holds the offices of membership and social committee chairperson, in her local chapter of Delta Epsilon Chi. She has won many awards on the State and National levels through Delta Epsilon Chi. She was nominated for Who's Who Among America's Junior College Students. Tawana plans to attend Livingston University and receive her Bachelor's degree in Marketing.

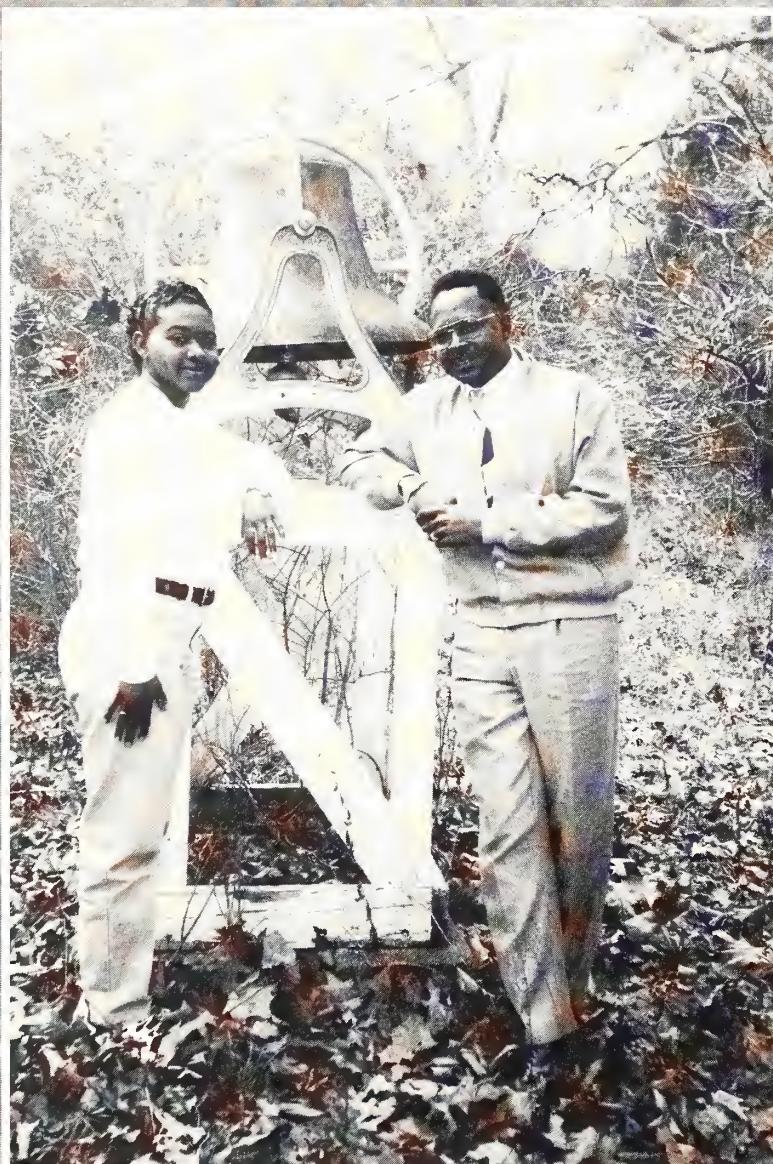


PETERSON



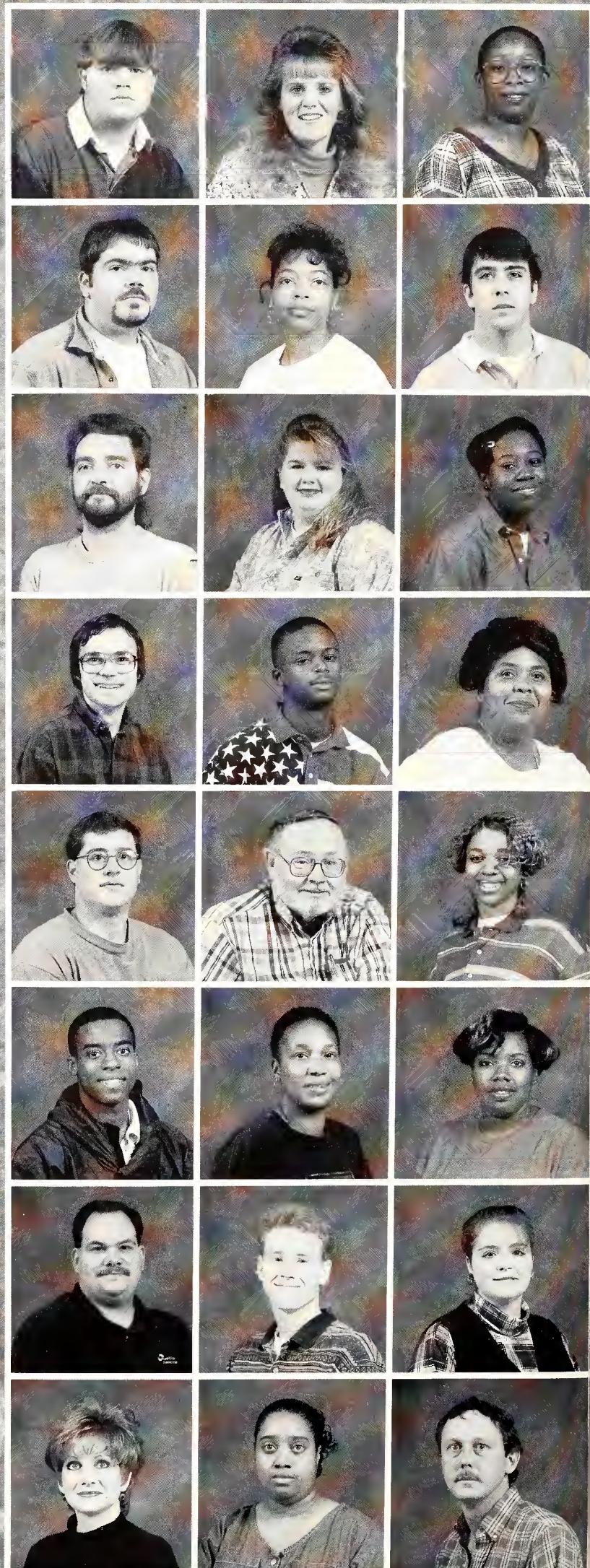
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Sophomore Favorites Arvis Lawson Anita Lyons



Arvis Lawson is a Computer Programming major. While attending EMCC Arvis has been very active in Phi Beta Lambda. Arvis is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Arvis is also a member of the Student Government Association. In Arvis's spare time he is a real estate agent, but his true love is computer programming. Arvis plans to further his education in Computer programming.

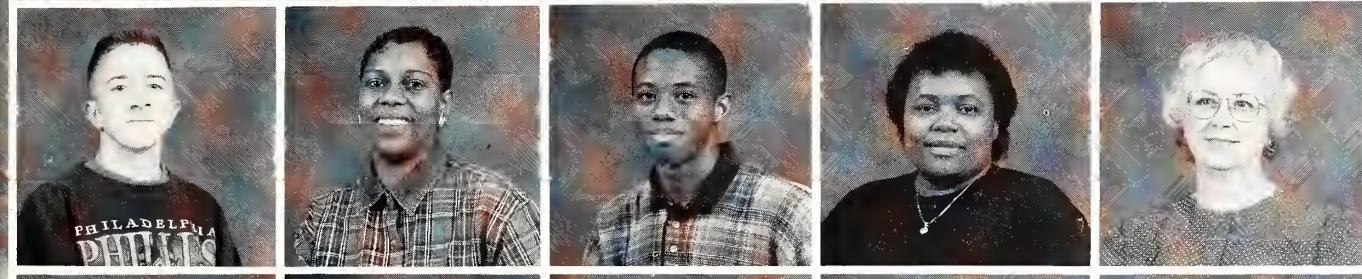
Anita Lyons, a Banking and Finance major, is the daughter of Johnny Johnson and the granddaughter of Lucill Lyons. While attending EMCC Anita has been very active in Delta Epsilon Chi. While in Delta Epsilon Chi, Anita has participated in the State Fall Leadership Conference. Anita is also on the Dean's List.



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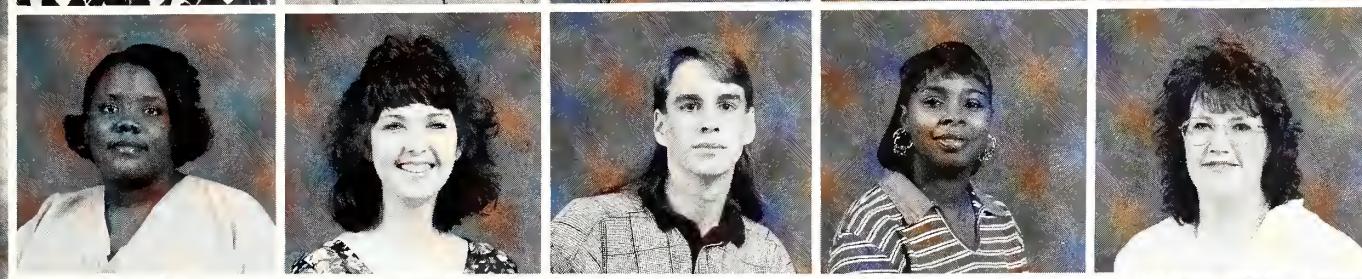
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Ozella Rice, Starkville
Mark Rixie, Columbus
Shelia Robinson, Starkville
Brain Sanders, Louisville
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Jennifer Slaughter, Columbus



Brian Steed, Starkville
Doris Stewart, Columbus
Shawn Stone, Columbus
Chris Sullivan, Mantee
Latrice Swift, West Point
Bryant Thomas, West Point
Annie Thompson, Starkville
Arvis Thompson, Aberdeen



David Trusty, Caledonia
Angie Turnage, Columbus
Paula Townsel, Starkville
Alex Valsamakis, Aberdeen
David Vega, Columbus
Jonathan Waldrop, Columbus
Josh Ward, Louisville
Natasha Watson, West Point



Henry Wood, Columbus
Sylvester Adams, West Point
Fannie Anthony, Crawford
Danyel Avery, Columbus
Lisa Bailes, California
Brandon Bake, Pontotoc
Shalon Banks, Columbus
Cathy Beamer, Columbus



Alex Beeman, Columbus
R J Bessey, West Point
Kisha Bishop, Starkville
Kevin Boatner, West Point
Terry Bonner, Columbus
Lidia Brewer, Columbus
Nedra Brewer, Artesia
Michael Britt, West Point



Aaron Brooks, New Hope
Janice Brooks, West Point
Dyshone Brown, West Point
Kevin Brown, Columbus
Mattie Brown, Columbus
Tonja Brown, Ethelsville, AL
Ronald Burdine, Ackerman
Mary Bush, Columbus



Joe Byrne, Owensboro, KY
Tommy Cagle, Ackerman
Angela Carr, Columbus
Trena Chandler, West Point
Wendy Chandler, Starkville
Gina Clardy, Eupora
Margaret Cockell, Louisville
Currie Coggins, Columbus



Barbara Coleman, Sturis
Laura Coleman, Louisville
Dale Conner, Hamilton
Mims Conner, Macon
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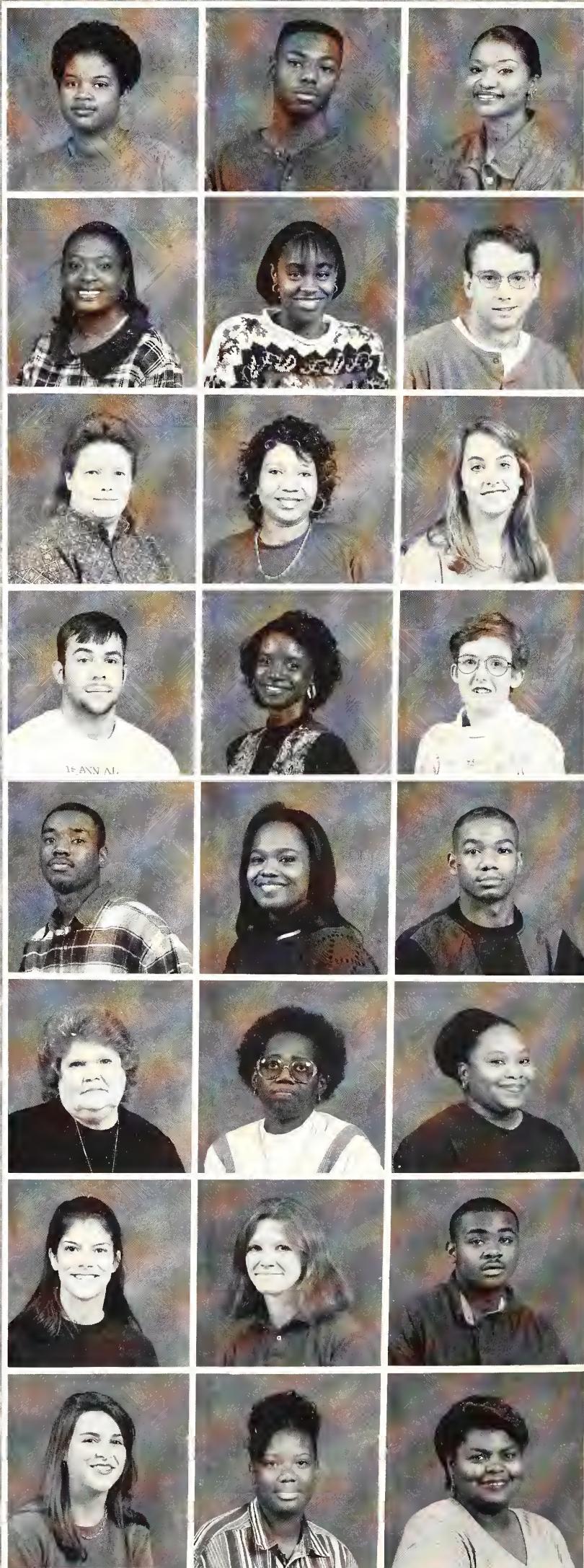
Freshman Favorites

Aaron Brooks
Shalon Banks



Aaron Brooks, a Computer Technology major, is the son of Robert and Shelly Brooks. While attending EMCC Aaron has been an active member of Phi Beta Lambda. Upon Aaron's graduation he will seek to further his computer education at a chosen university. In Aaron's free time he enjoys working with computers, and being with friends.

Shalon Banks, a Business Technology major, is the daughter of Deloise Banks and Willie Jenkins. While attending EMCC Shalon has been an active member of Phi Beta Lambda. In Slalon's spare time she enjoys being with friends, traveling, shopping, and reading. Shalon also loves to collect dolls.



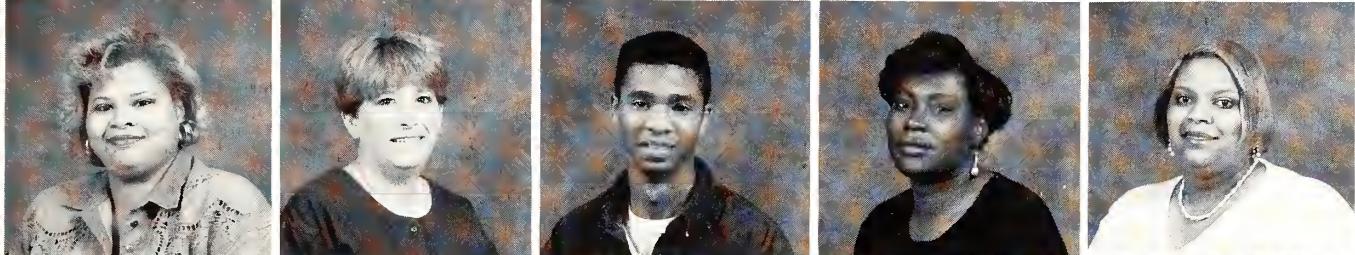
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Kayonna Cummings, West Point
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Sherry Davis, Columbus
Tiffany Davis, Starkville
Vincent DeCollo, Houston
Andres Dial, Starkville
Elnora Doss, Columbus



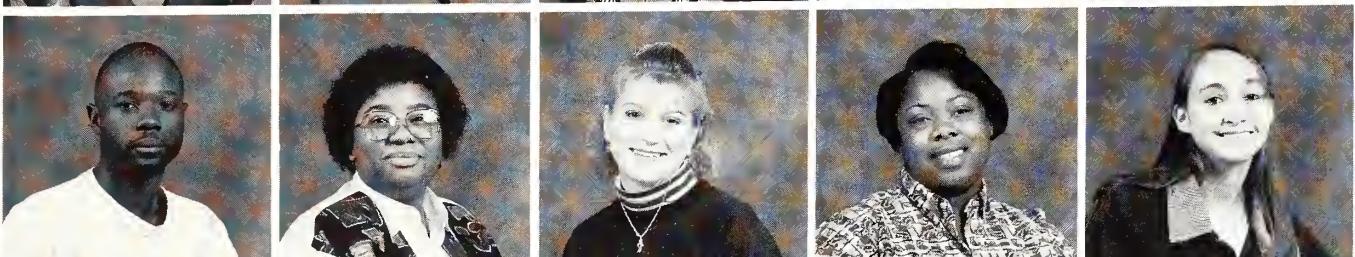
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Ryan Eaves, Louisville
Angela Edwards, Starkville
Willis Edwards, West Point
Dawn Eiland, Columbus
Doshia Ellis, Starkville
Genette Erby, Columbus



Linda Faulkner, Columbus
Latrenda Fenton, West Point
Leslie Files, Sturgis
Derenda Fisher, New Orleans
Linda Fitzgerald, West Point
Lazar Flowers, Starkville
Brenda Free, West Point
Kenny Fulton, Louisville



Tonya Gandy, Starkville
Loudoris Gardner, Starkville
Misty Gentry, Crawford
Elisa Gholson, Columbus
Rex Gilliam, Columbus
Patricia Gillis, Columbus
Keith Gittleson, Aberdeen
Velma Givens, Crawford



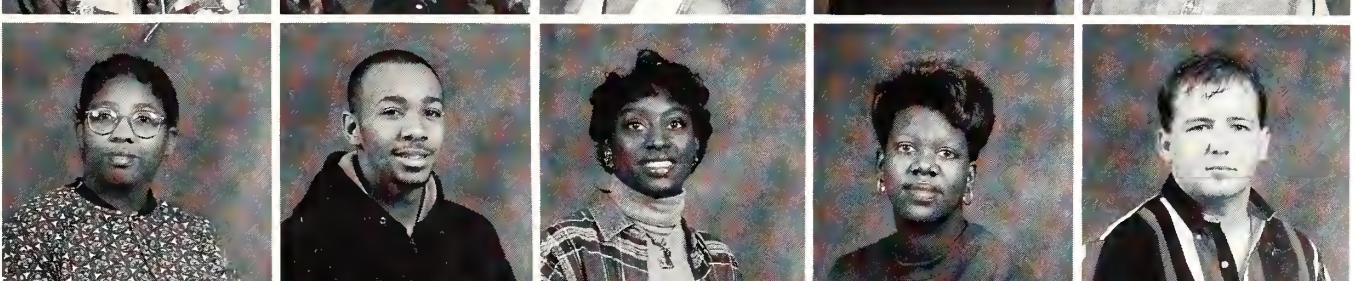
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Ruby Guines, West Point
Angie Haney, Columbus
Darlene Haney, Columbus
Donna Harbin, Columbus



Mattie Harden, Columbus
Annie Harris, Columbus
Shay Harris, Columbus
Carissa Hendix, Starkville
Louis Herron, Columbus
Cleopatra Hicks, Steens
Shala Hines, Crawford
Kelly Hodnett, West Point



Carrie Holliday, Columbus
Carrie Hollis, Columbus
Derico Howard, Columbus
Jerlynn Hudson, Starkville
Lisa Hudson, Columbus
Laveta Huey, Cleveland
Anberitha Hughes, Columbus
Mandy Hunt, Ackerman



Angela Impastato, Columbus
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Kim Jennings, Columbus
Catherine Johnson, Columbus
Jamie Johnson, Columbus
Monique Johnson, Orangeburg
Shantay Johnson, Columbus
Denny Jones, Columbus

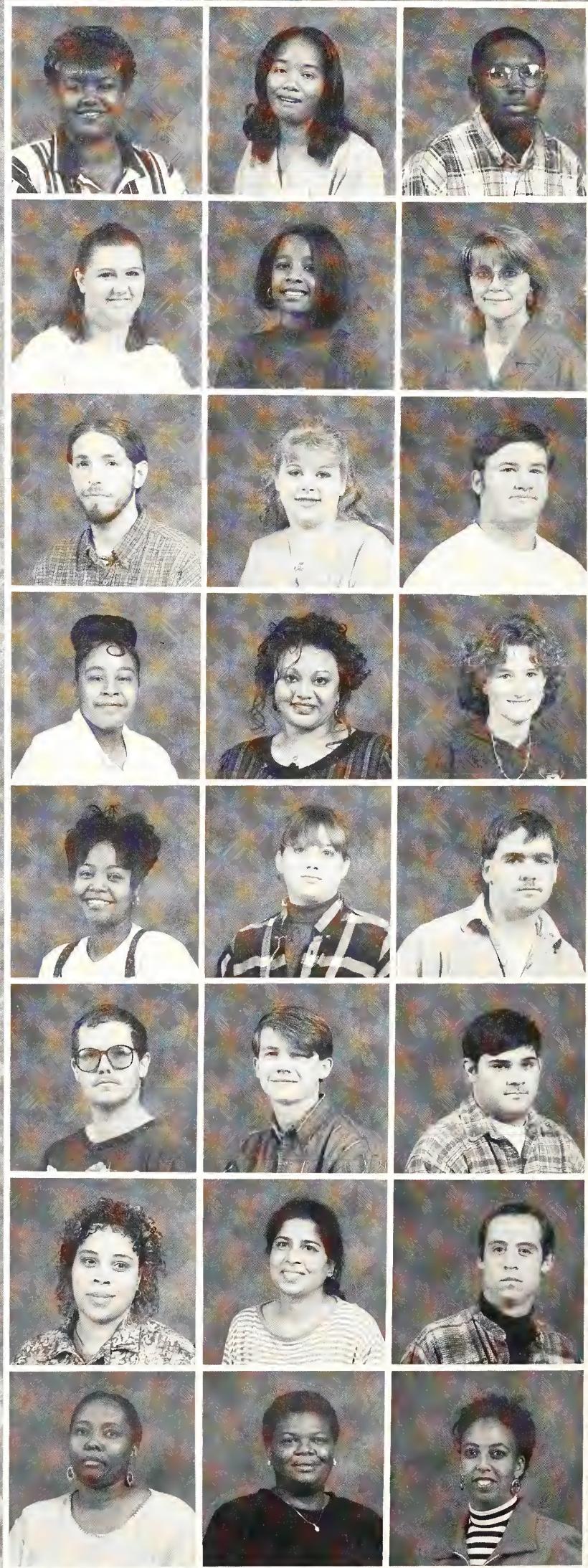
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Freshman Favorite

Trena Chandler



Trena Chandler, a Marketing Management major is the daughter of Willie and Elnoria Dean. While attending EMCC, Trena has served as social committee chairman in Delta Epsilon Chi. Trena has also been a contestant in the EMCC Beauty and Beau. In Trena's free time she enjoys modeling, using her computer and being with friends. Trena plans to enlist in the ARMY and make a career out of it. She is married to Billy Chandler of West Point.



ROGERS



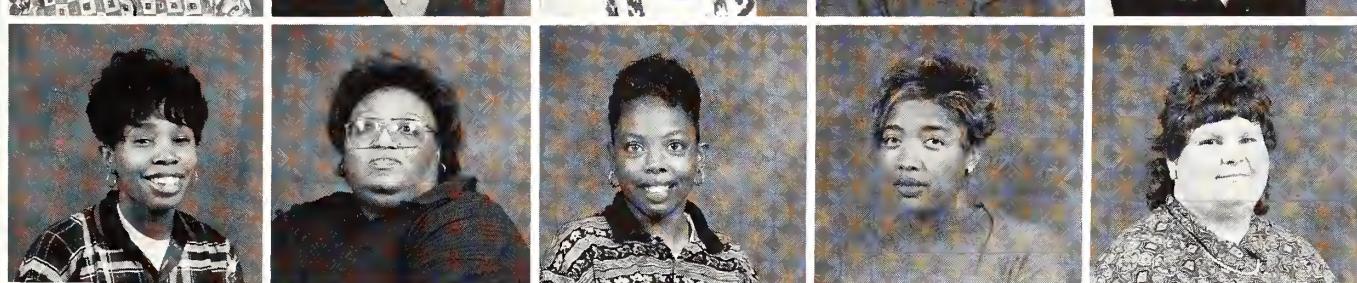
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Shelia Jones, Columbus
Williams Jones, III, Columbus
Cynthia Jordan, Crawford
Scott Junkin, Gordo
Sabrina Kelley, West Point
Anthony Key, Crawford
Janett Knighton, Columbus



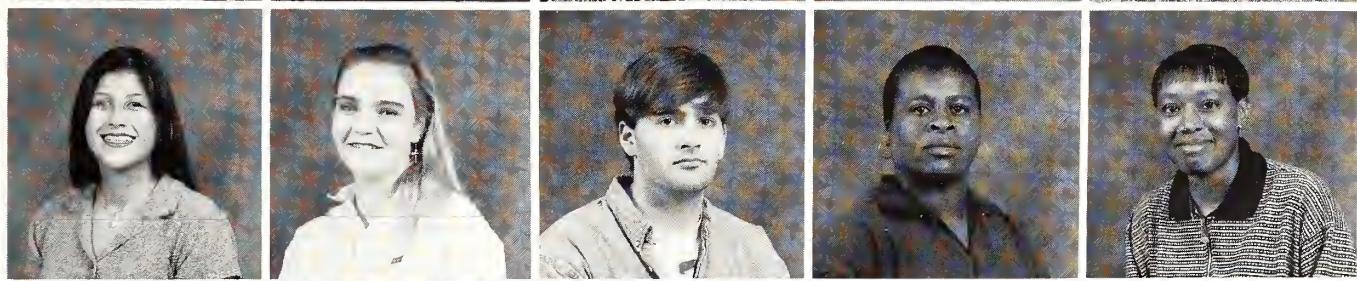
Tammy Ladendorf, West Point
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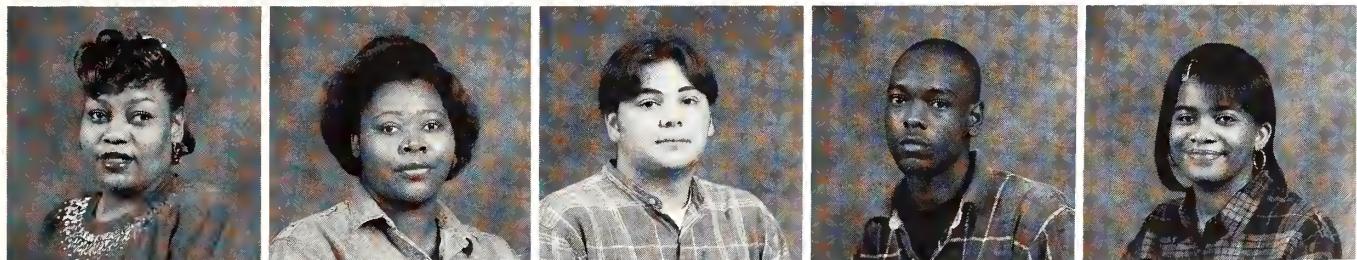
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Amanda Mathis, West Point
Christopher McBrid, Mathiston
Cranford McCullars, Ethelsville
Dorothy McDavid, Columbus
Tandra McDowell, Starkville
Brandon McNamee, West Point
Heather McKee, Pheba



Natalie Miller, Louisville
Jeannette Minor, Starkville
Melony Moon, West Point
Audrey Moore, Columbus
Flora Moore, Starkville
Jenine Moore, West Point
Sherrell Morgan, Pheba
Lisa Morton, West Point



Kimalita Mosley, Columbus
Amanda Murray, West Point
Charles Neese, Starkville
Lorena Nunez, Venezuela
Angela Oakman, Eupora
Charles Palmer, Starkville
April Paster, Starkville
Katie Perry, West Point



Daniel Petters, Columbus
Terry Pitts, West Point
Shasta Plunkett, West Point
Cheryl Poole, Chicago, IL
Glynnis Pope, Starkville
Clint Powell, Columbus
Gregory Pruitt, Macon
Megan Rainey, West Point



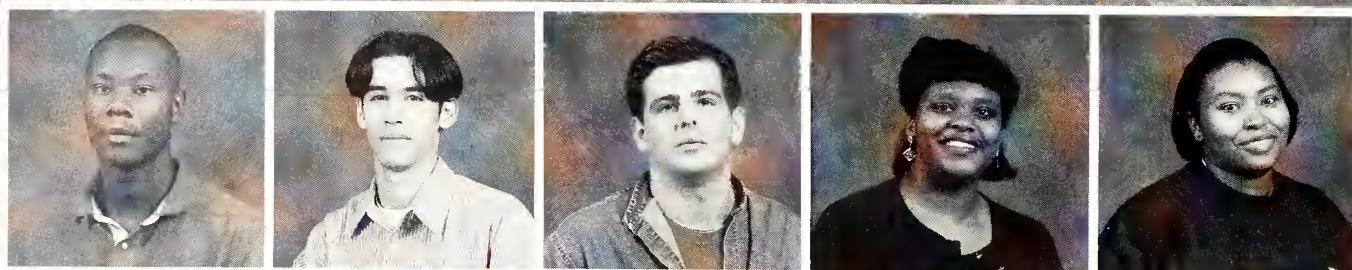
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Shylaja Rao, CS
Jeffrey Rawson, Columbus
Carrie Reeves, Columbus
Carlton Rhodes, Maben
T J Rhodes, Columbus
Tony Rhodes, Columbus
Elizabeth Ricks, West Point



Pam Roberts, Starkville
Angela Robinson, Starkville
Gwen Robinson, West Point
Sam Roby, Columbus
Alice Rogers, Starkville
Beverly Rodgers, Louisville
Charlotte Rogers, Starkville
Chris Rogers, Starkville

TAYLOR

Shan Rupert, Macon
Francisco Salcedo, Starkville
Chris Sanders, Columbus
Renee Sanders, West Point
Tora Sanders, West Point



Valerie Sanders, Columbus
Marty Satterwhite, West Point
Joe Schmidli, Columbus
Jovann Selvie, Columbus
Brenda Sharp, West Point



Mazzie Shelton, West Point
Sonya Shelton, West Point
Gloria Shields, Columbus
Carmen Shirley, Columbus
Nicholas Sierra, Louisville



Pamela Silvers, Macon
Alice Simons, Columbus
Shila Singh, Starkville
Jeannette Smith, West Point
Lakeisha Smith, Columbus



Laricco Snell, Artesia
Katina Snow, Baltimore, MD
Melissa Stafford, West Point
Sheila Staples, Columbus
LaTrese Stone, Starkville



Carol Strickland, Sturgis
Damon Strother, Baton Rouge, LA
Jared Swindle, Sturgis
Joshun Tate, Macon
Vivian Taylor, West Point



YOUNG



Charles Thompson, Columbus
Kathi Thompson, Columbus
Sharon Thompson, Starkville
Daphne Tilley, Columbus
Randy Townsend, Eupora



Alesha Turner, Starkville
Lisa Valentine, Columbus
Natasha Vaughn, Columbus
Tracy Walker, Crawford
Yvette Walker, Columbus



Renee Walls, Columbus
Liz Wasson, Kosciusko
Ginger Watkins, Columbus
Deshon West,
Nicole White, West Point



Barbara Williams, Columbus
Phillip Williams, Amory
Tamika Williams, Crawford
Renae Willis, Aberdeen
John Winters, Columbus



Ilene Womack, Brandon
Matthew Yoder, Macon
Jonathan Young, San Diego, CA
Titus Young, West Point
Verdo Young Jr., Blytheville, AK



Who's Who Among America's Community College Students

Golden Triangle Campus

MELISSA BATTLES

Computer
Programming

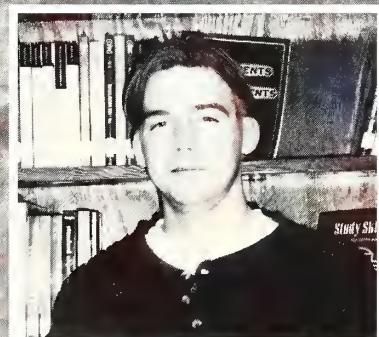
Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) member;
Chairperson of PBL Fundraising
Committee; President's List;
Dean's List



TAWANA DAVIS

Marketing Management

DEX State President; DEX state
awards — 1st Place Sales
Promotion, 1st Place Chapter
Officer Leadership (COLA);
DEX national awards — 2nd Place
COLA; DEX conferences —
Jackson, Orlando, FL, Washington,
DC, Anaheim, CA; President's List;
District Yearbook Editor



ARETINA
HANKERSON
Administrative
Business

Phi Beta Lambda President; Phi
Theta Kappa member; SGA member;
Ms. EMCC; Yearbook member;
President's & Dean's List

JERRY A. BURSON

Drafting & Design

VICA member; Phi Theta
Kappa member; National Dean's
List; President's List



JOSEPH B. FARMER

Instrumentation /
Electronics

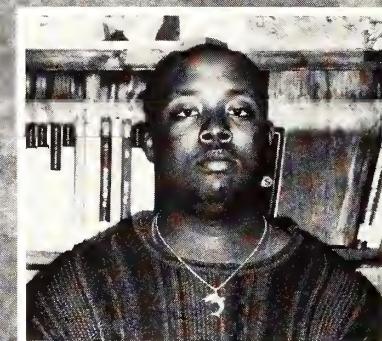
Phi Theta Kappa member; VICA
Representative for Instrumentation;
President's List; Dean's List



CAMERON BOYD

Computer
Programming

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) member;
PBL state award — 3rd Place in
Telecommunication PBL Competition;
Scored above National Level on
SOCAT;
Mr. EMCC; Dean List



RONNIE COGGINS

Computer
Programming

Phi Beta Lambda member; PBL
co-chairperson fundraising
committee; Scored above national
on SOCAT; President's List; Dean's
List



CASANDRA
EVERETTE

Banking and Finance

Delta Epsilon (DEX) member;
DEX State award — 6th Place in
Banking and Finance; Attended
DEX National Conference in
Orlando, FL; Dean's List



LASHEKIE GAVIN

Computer
Programming

Phi Beta Lambda member;
Received certificate in Computer
Operations; Dean's List



TOBIE HEMPHILL

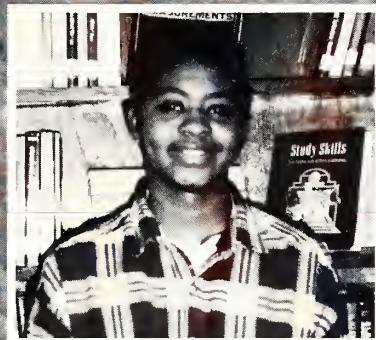
Marketing
Management

Delta Epsilon Chi (DEX) member;
DEX Membership Chairman; DEX
Social Chairperson; Attended Fall
Leadership Conference in New
Orleans, LA and Jackson, MS;
Dean's List



ANITA LYONS

Banking & Finance
Delta Epsilon Chi (DEX) member;
Attended DBX Conference
in Jackson; Sophomore
favorite; Dean's list;



SHEILA ROBINSON

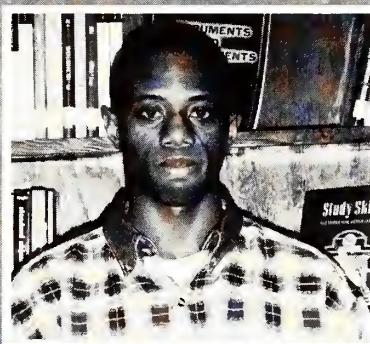
Computer Programming
Phi Beta Lambda member;
Received certificate in Computer
Operations; Dean's List



CHRIS SULLIVAN

Computer Programming

Phi Beta Lambda member;
Scored above Nationals on
SOCAT; President's List



BRYANT O. THOMPSON

Computer Programming

Phi Beta Lambda member;
SGA member; Phi Theta Kappa
member; Scored above National
Level on SOCAT; Dean's and
President's List.

ARVIS THOMPSON **Administrative Business**

Phi Beta Lambda member;
Phi Theta Kappa member;
SGA member; President's
List; National Dean's List



DAVID VEGA

Banking & Finance

Vice President of Delta Epsilon
Chi Banking Chapter; Chosen for
Work-Based Learning program
working at Deposit Guaranty
Bank; President's List

ANGIE TURNAGE

Marketing Management

Delta Epsilon Chi (DEX) Local
President; DEX state awards —
4th Place Hospitality and Tourism;
6th Place Marketing Management
Quiz Bowl; DEX National awards —
Certificate of Excellence in
Hospitality and Tourism, Orlando,
FL; SGA President; Yearbook Assistant
Editor-GT



JOSHUA WARD

Automotive Services Tech.

Vica Member; Vica State award — 3rd
Place in Automotive competitions;
Phi Theta Kappa member;
President's List



SHANNON WILLIAMS **Marketing Management**

Delta Epsilon Chi (DEX) member;
DEX state award — Placed 2nd in
Food Marketing; DEX National conference
in Orlando, FL; Scored
above national level on
SOCAT; Dean's List



What happens next?

My plans after graduation are ...

Jimmy Cockrell— "... to become a funeral director." **Katie Perry**— "... to find a job in welding and get better experience to show people that I can be something in life." **Gary Hurt**— "... to go to Texas and continue my education, play football, and major in Sports Medicine." **Demetrice Timmes**— "... to take the Cosmetology State Board and pass with flying colors. From there I want to enroll in the Nursing program at the "W" or "ICC." **Timmy Warren**— "... go to Harding College and continue playing baseball." **James Johnson**— "... having a good job and living well for the rest of my life." **Matthew Rye**— "... to attend MSU and major in Physical Education." **Leslie Fites**— "... working at Mia Salon in Starkville, MS. So come and see me." **Janice Brooks**— "... to get a good job in the field of welding and have a very wealthy life, full of love and happiness." **Kisha Bishop**— "... to own my own shop and hopefully others will follow from this. This has been a career in the making, because I have always experimented with different hairstyles on myself." **Micheal Gentry**— "... to go to a four year college and continue to play baseball." **Genette Erby**— "... to work in a salon and take care of my two children, Kourtney and Jalen." **Aretina Hankerson**— "... to further my education at MSU while maintaining an office position at a company." **Sarai Estrella**— "... to continue my education and receive a masters in Office Management." **Angie Turnage**— "... to attend MSU in Animal Science with the hopes of getting admitted to Vet. School. I want to specialize in Exotic Animals."

Billy Gibson— "... to continue my education at a four year college and hope to have my own business one day." **Alan Beasley**— "... to be a hardworking funeral director." **Susan Killen**— "... to attend MSU and major in Psychology."

R.D. Bradford— "... to consider my options in the job market. Then after I hope to find a job that will give me hands-on training and allow me to further my education so I can still support my family."

Charles Banks— "... to continue my education at a four year college." **Andre Robinson**— "... to become a funeral director." **Taurus Edwards**— "... to attend MSU and major in Psychology." **Tyskwaki Watt**— "... to attend film school and become a producer."

Jerry Burson— "... to attend MSU. There I will pursue my education in Industrial Technology for four years." **Michelle Leigh Fulgham**— "... to work in the field of drafting for one or two years, then I will hopefully return to school at MSU and major in Industrial Technology." **Buffy Lewis**— "... to begin my career as an architectural drafter. Later, I plan to return to college to pursue my Architectural degree."





Shauncey Carter—“... to continue at a four year college and continue playing football.” **M**ark McMillan—“to attend a four year college, play basketball, and major in Criminal Law.” **R**icardo Fielder—“... to attend a four year college, play basketball, and major in Business and Social Sciences. I hope to play in the NBA.”

Timika Lanier—“... to attend the University of Alabama and major in Special Education.” **G**inger Jones—“... to attend the University of West Alabama and major in Elementary Education.” **K**im Johnson—“... to attend MUW and major in Computer Information Systems.” **K**omawi Hinton—“... to attend the University of Georgia and major in Social Studies.” **M**ichelle Eldridge—“... to attend MSU and major in Elementary Education.”

Juanita Deanes—“... to pursue a worthwhile career inn a dignified field of business.” **A**rvis Lawson—“... to enter an undergraduate institution and to continue in Computer Science with an emphasis in computer programming and system analysis.”



The Future Belongs to You . . .

As District Yearbook Editor, I set out to make this year's edition of **The Lion** one the student body could cherish and be as much a part of as I was.

Many decisions were influenced by asking the question, "What would the students like?" This yearbook is a memory book of what the student body, administration, faculty, and staff have accomplished for themselves and for EMCC. You people influence this book as much as the yearbook staff.

However, without a great yearbook staff this book would not be the great success that it is. I hold a special place in my heart for each and every member of the staff. First, I would like to thank the Board of Trustees and Administration for their continuous support of the yearbook and the students' endeavors. I would like to thank Dr. DiMichele and the Scooba staff for their work on the Scooba campus. Golden Triangle staff, I thank you for the great job you have done and the constant support you have given each other. This yearbook is a prime example of the great team both campuses make. Ms. Young, without you, this yearbook and my dreams would have never been possible. You will always have a very special place in my life. Thank you.

"The future belongs to you" is a statement many of us do not understand. During my stay at EMCC, my future has become a reality. In addition to being District Yearbook Editor, I was also the Mississippi Delta Epsilon Chi President, held local offices in my school chapter, and received many awards and honors. I have come to realize how the future belongs to me. If you dream it and believe it, you can achieve it. I have achieved more than I ever imagined possible. I challenge you to do the same. I wish you well in all your endeavors. Remember ... The future belongs to you, so "Make it Happen."

Your Editor,

Tawana Davis

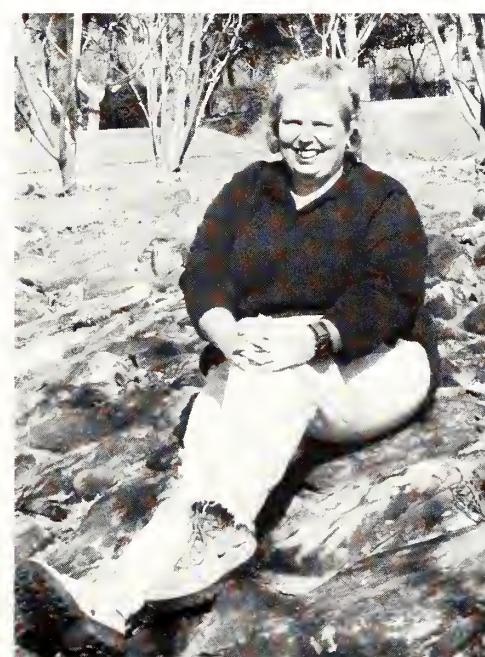
Members of the 1997 Lion Staff: GT members — Tawana Davis, Angie Turnage, Sarai Estrella, Fannie Anthony and not pictured Aretina Hankerson. Scooba members — Angie Millsaps, Sirena Spotts, Stephanie Hinds, Connie Smith, David Landrum, Chauncey Carter and not pictured Linda Gandy and Kim Hibbler.



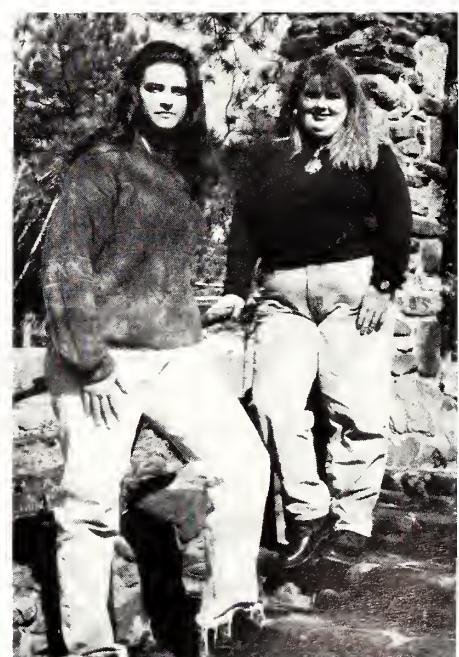


TAWANA DAVIS
District Yearbook Editor
Golden Triangle Campus

DR. DIMICHELE, the Scooba advisor, said, "I would like to thank my staff and the following people for their valuable assistance throughout the year: Dr. Virgil Varren, Cindy Young, Larry Salter, Lucy Hull, Rachel Ezelle, Melanie Hutcherson, Melinda Sciple, Mickey Stokes, Tommy Cade, James Hancock, Andrew Couch and Brenda DiMichele." CINDY YOUNG, the District Advisor, said, "Numerous long hours and hard work have been poured into this yearbook. I could not have made it without my wonderful staff and the help of Dr. DiMichele, Zelma Fulgham, Karen Quarrels, Holly Grisamore, and Gina Thompson. Also, I would like to thank our professional photographer and his assistant, Larry Joblin and Ruby Lambert for their wonderful support. To Steve and the photography crew at Sav - On - Drugs, I could not have made it without you."



ANGIE MILLSAPS
Editor
Scooba Campus



ANGIE TURNAGE
Assistant Editor
Golden Triangle Campus
SIRENA SPOTTS
Assistant Editor
Scooba Campus

The Trends of 1997

The Yearbook staff thought it would be nice to remember some of the trends that we experienced during our stay at EMCC. We came up with the following:

Top Ten Songs

1. R. Kelly	I Believe I can Fly
2. SWV	All About You
3. Freak Nasty	DaDip
4. En Vogue	Don't Let Go
5. Toni Braxton	Unbreak My Heart
6. TuPac	Running
7. MC Light	Cold Rock of Party
8. Puff Daddy	Can't Nobody
9. Azyet	Last Night
10. E 40	Things Will Never Change

Most Popular Movie Rentals

1. The Nutty Professor	6. Twister
2. A Time a Kill	7. Primal Fear
3. Phenomenon	8. The Island of Dr. Moreau
4. Mission Impossible	9. Escape from L.A.
5. Independence	10. Dragon Heart

Average Prices

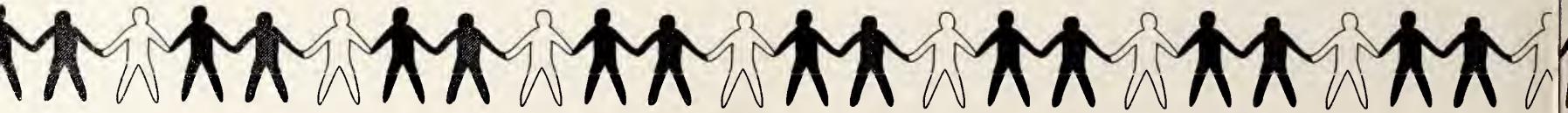
1. Hamburger Combo	\$3.00
2. Regular Unleaded gas	1.25 per gallon
3. Name brand jeans	35.00 - 80.00
4. Cinema tickets	6.00 each
5. Hair cut	
Guys	7.00 - 10.00
Girls	10.00 - 20.00

**Remember ... If it
is to be, it is up to
me to "Make it
Happen."**





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